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SECOND EDITION

Rabin confident of agreement on Taba next week

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said here yesterday that he was confident that the Taba dispute would be solved in next week's meeting of Israeli and Egyptian negotiators in Israel.

Rabin said only one word stands between Israel and Egypt resolving the dispute over the *compromis* for arbitration of the Taba dispute. This in turn could lead to the return of the Egyptian ambassador to Tel Aviv.

Rabin, meeting with Middle East experts at the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington think-tank, said Israel and Egypt disagreed over the word "correct" appearing in the *compromis*, the terms of reference under which the dispute will be put to arbitration.

The defence minister said Israel was prepared to talk peace with any Palestinian living on the West Bank or Gaza Strip, as well as "undeclared members of the PLO" living outside the territories. However, he ruled out direct negotiations with the PLO.

Rabin predicted it would probably take another one to three years to create the proper climate in the region for serious peace negotiations between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

In the meantime, he urged Jordan's King Hussein to strengthen his country's economic infrastructure on the West Bank and Gaza in order to weaken the influence of the PLO. He said Hussein made a mistake in recent years by not "paying enough

attention" to the territories. Without an increase in Jordan's standing there, he said, "I do not see any real opening" towards peace.

Rabin also stressed the need to strengthen Israeli-Egyptian relations as a precondition of further peace talks.

The defence minister said Jordan had recently suffered some serious political setbacks on the West Bank — as evidenced by the assassination of Nabulus mayor Zafar al-Masri and Hussein's open split with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat — because it had "neglected local leaders."

"We are ready to negotiate peace with Jordan and Palestinians," he said. "We believe the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation should include representatives of the West Bank and Gaza. I personally see everyone in the West Bank and Gaza as eligible to be a member of this delegation."

He added that Israel "would not have made a fuss" if East Jerusalem editor Hanna Seniora and Gaza attorney Fawad Abu-Rahme had been included in a joint delegation with Jordan, as proposed last year.

Rabin's acceptance of "undeclared members of the PLO" as potential negotiators was seen as significant by U.S. and Israeli observers in Washington, who said he had gone slightly beyond earlier public statements by senior Israeli leaders.

Rabin strongly rejected any new municipal elections on the West Bank, contending that they would merely encourage terrorists to intimidate voters.



One of the 55 pupils from around the country invited to a birthday celebration for Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel gets ready to place a candle on the cake yesterday. The party, organized by the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry at Tel Aviv's Kikar Malchei Yisrael, marked Nudel's 55th birthday. (Andre Bruttman)

Iraq blamed for Syrian bus bombs; 140 died

Post-Mideast Staff and Agencies

Damascus yesterday revealed for the first time that 140 people were killed and 149 wounded in bomb attacks on military buses last month and said it had arrested the "Iraqi agents" responsible for the blasts.

Radio Damascus reported the figures and said sabotage gangs, trained and financed by Iraq, had carried out the bombings against nine buses and a train on the Latakia-Aleppo railway line on April 16. Earlier, Syria had reported that the attacks resulted only in a "number of innocent victims being killed or wounded."

The Syrian radio said that all the culprits had been arrested, but it did not say how many were involved. They had confessed and revealed Iraq's complicity and their confessions would be broadcast shortly, it added.

A number of Syrian Army officers have been arrested in connection with the bombings, according to a report in the Abu Dhabi newspaper *Al-Itihad* based on "well-informed" Palestinian sources in Damascus. *Al-Itihad* reported last week that Syria had killed, or wounded and arrested 10 Israeli Mossad agents who were involved in the bombings.

The April 16 attacks were part of a larger wave of bombings that began in March and are a source of great concern to the Syrian regime. It is believed that either Iraq, the Moslem Brotherhood or Fatah are behind the blasts.

Syrian forces 'on alert' for fear of U.S. attack soon

Jerusalem Post Staff
Syria is certain that the U.S. is going to attack it soon, the semi-official Syrian daily *Tishrin* said yesterday.

The *Tishrin* report, broadcast by Radio Monte Carlo, was the first response from Damascus to accusations that Syria, like Libya, is behind a wide range of recent terror attacks, including the attempted bombing of an El Al plane, the Berlin discotheque bombing, and the attacks on Rome and Vienna airports.

Tishrin said that declarations by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz at the Tokyo summit proved that Syria was in danger. As a pretext for an attack, the Americans were using the claim that Syria supported international terrorism, the paper said.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon radio reported yesterday that Syrian forces in Lebanon have been put on a state of alert in expectation of "foreign intervention" in the country.

The radio quoted Brigadier Ghazi Kinaan, head of Syrian intelligence in Lebanon, as saying that the intervention was expected within one week.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking in Washington yesterday,

forcefully repeated the accusation that Syria was involved in the attempt to blow up an El Al jet in London last month, as well as the earlier airport attacks in Rome and Vienna.

Rabin was answering questions at a meeting of the American Enterprise Institute.

The Syrian Embassy in East Berlin, meanwhile, denied any Syrian involvement in the bombing of the German-Arab Society bureau in West Berlin in March in which seven people were hurt.

A West Berlin justice department spokesman said that Palestinian Ahmed Hazi and Jordanian Farouk Salameh told police they got the explosives for the attack from the Syrian mission in the eastern sector of the city.

Hazi is also suspected of involvement in the April 5 bomb attack on a West Berlin discotheque frequented by U.S. servicemen, which triggered the U.S. attack on Libya. He is the brother of Nizar Hindawi, the chief suspect in the attempt to bomb the El Al jet.

In London, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe confirmed yesterday that two visits to the Foreign Office by Syrian Ambassador Loutof al-Haydar were connected with the

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Male mothers within years?

LONDON (Reuters). — Some scientists believe that men are capable of giving birth as a result of embryo implantation on the bowel and that such cases might be possible within five years, the British magazine *New Society* reported yesterday.

"The technical difficulties would be enormous," the magazine quoted Alan Trounson, an expert on freezing embryos and the director of the institute of early human development at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, as saying.

There would also be ethical difficulties, Trounson said. "But it could be done by getting an embryo to implant on the bowel."

"It can be done and undoubtedly someone will do it," the magazine, specializing in sociological issues, quoted King's College Hospital lecturer John Parson as saying.

It said the experts believed eggs fertilized in this way could be planted in a man taking the hormones estrogen and progesterone to stimulate changes which occur naturally during early pregnancy in women.

A male pregnancy would end with a Caesarean section, by which a child is delivered by cutting the walls of the abdomen. This procedure, *New Society* said, need not be any more dangerous than a Caesarean performed for any ectopic pregnancy.

'Give bank chiefs time to quit' — Nissim

Post Economic Staff

"The bank directors should be given time to resign, and we should take into account that they may implement the Bejski Committee's report on their own," Finance Minister Moshe Nissim said yesterday, during his first meeting with economic reporters.

Nissim said he believed that the establishment of a ministerial committee on the Bejski report had been misconstrued, and that the press had contributed to a harmful "air of speculation" over the report and its consequences.

He hinted that the bankers would eventually have to resign, since if they did not do so on their own by the time 60 days elapsed after the report's publication, the new governor of the Bank of Israel and the government would dismiss them. He would not say who his candidate for governor of the bank would be.

Nissim also said there was too much taxation in Israel. He told reporters he had asked the State Revenue Administration to cut down the number of taxes and to ease the tax burden by changing tax bracket criteria.

Four Haifa cinemas to open this Friday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A limited number of Haifa theatres will be open for business this Friday night under a compromise agreement worked out by Mayor Arye Gurel.

Under the accord, which was arranged with the city's cinema owners and religious leaders, four cinemas which are not located in religious neighbourhoods or near synagogues will be permitted to screen Friday-night films.

The four — the two Rav Gat cinemas, the Pe'er and the Atzmaon — are all located near Rehov Nevi'im.

The compromise was worked out after Haifa police announced they would not permit demonstrations in

front of the cinemas by either Sabbath observers or counter-demonstrators. However, Citizens Rights Movement MKs Shulamit Aloni and Yossi Sarid said they planned to attend a Friday night showing this week to express their support for the fight against religious coercion.

Groups favouring Sabbath screenings said they had no plans to demonstrate as long as religious demonstrators refrain as well.

The issue of Sabbath screenings arose last Sunday when a Haifa court ended a 5-year "temporary injunction" against the showings. (See Petah Tikva Cinema story — page 2)

Exports up but trade gap widens

Despite a slight rise in exports, Israel's trade deficit continued to widen in the first four months of the year, increasing by 13 per cent from the same period in 1985.

Seasonally adjusted figures showed that during the January-April period the trade gap, excluding diamonds, increased by 22 per cent from the last half of 1985 to \$56 million. But it remained largely unchanged from the last quarter of 1985.

Exports increased by 2 per cent

from the last half of 1985, to \$2,223 billion, primarily because of stronger European currencies. The increased average of the European currencies on average brought a 22 per cent increase in dollar-pegged agricultural exports during the four-month period from the same period last year.

Agricultural exports totalled \$314 during the period, while exports of polished diamonds rose to 9 per cent \$523m. from the same period last year.

Congress 'No' to missile deal with Saudis

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The House of Representatives yesterday joined the Senate in voting overwhelmingly to reject the Reagan administration's \$350 million proposed missile sale to Saudi Arabia.

The House vote was 356 to 62. On Tuesday, the Senate opposed the sale by a vote of 73 to 22.

President Reagan is now expected to veto the legislation. For Congress to override the veto, the House and Senate would have to pass resolutions of disapproval by two-thirds majorities.

Asked at a news conference in Tokyo about the defeat in the Senate, Reagan joked: "Just wait until the old man gets home."

The sale includes Stinger antiaircraft, Sidewinder air-to-air and Harpoon anti-ship missiles.

Visiting Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, asked about the Saudi sale yesterday, restated Israel's long-standing opposition to any weapons sales to Arab countries in an official state of war against Israel. He then went on to strongly condemn Saudi Arabia as the main source of financial support to the PLO.

Iraqi planes hit Teheran

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Iraqi warplanes bombed Teheran's main oil refinery yesterday and an Iraqi commander said a new Iranian offensive was imminent on the southern Gulf War front.

Witnesses said an Iraqi jet dropped a bomb as big as a car on the refinery at 11:10 a.m., starting a blaze that belched smoke over the city for three hours before firefighters managed to contain it.

A military communiqué in Baghdad said "squadrons of planes" attacked the 200,000 barrel-a-day complex, Iran's second biggest refinery, and "reduced it to ashes."

Smoke from the Iraqi raid billowed from at least three places in the complex for some hours, spreading a pall over south-east Teheran.

But witnesses in Teheran said the fire was well away from the refinery's two vital catalytic cracking towers. A second air raid alert was broadcast on Teheran radio four hours after the raid, and anti-aircraft fire was heard all over the city, but there was no sign of another attack.

The refinery raid was the first on Teheran since the "battle of the cities" in May and June last year, when some 400 Iranians were reported killed in 30 Iraqi attacks.

Iran hit back with at least 10 long-range rocket attacks on Baghdad before UN intervention ended the cycle of tit-for-tat strikes.

Iraqi aircraft attacked the 240,000 barrel-a-day Isfahan oil refinery — Iran's biggest — in March, but oil industry sources said the damage was minimal and attacks against refineries had to be very accurate to be effective.

The Teheran refinery, built at a cost of over \$160 million, refined an average of 205,000 barrels a day in 1982-83, processing crude moved through pipelines from Ahvaz, 750km. away in south-west Iran.

It is the second biggest refinery after Isfahan, and the two together account for two-thirds of Iran's domestic refining capacity.

Iraqi warplanes also hit the towns of Marivan and Baneh in north-west Iran yesterday, killing at least 5 civilians and wounding 17, the Iranian news agency reported.

A Tehran government spokesman vowed retaliation for yesterday's raid.

At Amara in south-east Iraq, Fourth Iraqi Army Corps commander Major-General Thabit Sultan told reporters Iran was massing troops opposite Iraq's Misan province for an imminent attack.

Diplomats in Teheran and Baghdad say Iran has moved hundreds of thousands of regular troops and volunteers to Susangerd on the edge of the Hawizah marshes straddling the southern border. (Picture, page 2)

Beersheba jail quiet after unrest

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post
BEERSHEBA. — The chronically overcrowded Beersheba Prison is reported to be calm again following a three-day hunger strike by inmates of a notoriously violent wing.

A spokesman for the Prisons Service said that 102 prisoners had slashed their arms superficially at noon yesterday to dramatize their grievances, but only four needed to be sent to Soroka Medical Centre for treatment. They were released a few hours later.

Beersheba police chief Amos Dahari referred to the uprising as "minor." The hunger strike was apparently in protest against the poor quality of food in prison.

Israel steps up security overseas

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Foreign governments have recently been more prepared to accept the increasing security at Israeli institutions abroad, participants in a symposium organized by the Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre were told yesterday.

The speaker, a defence personality whose identity was a state secret until his retirement a few years ago, addressed the symposium on condition that he not be identified.

The source said not all governments were "happy" about the Israeli measures, and some still do not like them. But the situation has "gradually straightened out," especially since terrorism has become "internationalized."

Nevertheless he expected terrorism to continue, possibly lasting for "generations." He also expected an increase in terrorist attacks in Israel and abroad this summer.

The gloomy prediction was based on his belief that the "armed struggle" was still a basic feature of the PLO's doctrine. But Palestinian terror had failed, he said.

He recalled that immediately after the Six Day War, the PLO began building an underground infrastructure here. It sent commanders to Israel and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was here twice. The cells established were fairly large,

numbering as many as 20 to 30 people, and even set up first aid stations. The population at large provided logistic support such as food, he said.

But as the organizations grew, they became more vulnerable to penetration by security agents, and the networks were dismantled by the beginning of 1969.

He maintained, however, that in order to operate successfully the secret service must have a calm milieu. He recalled that, when Israeli troops pulled out of the refugee camps in Gaza, Palestinians would walk around at night openly carrying Kalashnikov assault rifles and grenades.

Week-old two-headed baby doing well

CARACAS (Reuters). — A Venezuelan baby boy, born April 29, with two heads, two hearts and two stomachs, remained under intensive care yesterday.

"So far the child has developed normally, but we cannot tell whether complications might occur later," Dr. Otto Sanchez, a specialist in genetics, said at the hospital, in Ciudad Bolivar, 161 kilometres south-east of Caracas.

The baby was born by Caesarean operation, weighing 3.8 kg. and since then has put on another .53kg. Doctors said he is eating normally with no sign of disorders.

Last Friday the baby was baptized in the names of Jesus and Pedro.

The two heads are perfectly formed and show normal signs of alertness. Both are well-covered with hair.

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THE WEATHER

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Safed	15	15-25	20
Haifa Port	15	15-25	20
Tiberias	19	15-31	28
Nazareth	19	17-30	25
Afula	32	10-32	25
Sharon	22	14-20	24
Tel Aviv	27	15-29	25
B-G Airport	46	14-32	36
Jericho	22	17-35	31
Gaza	70	19-25	25
Be'er Sheva	13	13-34	30
Eilat	27	18-32	30

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

On the occasion of his 90th birthday, Dr. Werner Kraft, the renowned writer and holder of the Goethe Medal who has lived in Jerusalem since 1934, was presented yesterday at the Hebrew University with the German Order of Merit by German Ambassador Wilhelm Haas. The order of Merit was bestowed upon Dr. Kraft by German President Richard von Weizsäcker in recognition of his outstanding and lasting contribution to German-Israeli relations.

Dr. Zvi Dinstein will speak about his impressions of China at the Rotary Club meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m. today.

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel yesterday received at the Knesset the new Ambassador of Spain, H.E. Pedro Lopez Aguirre-bengoa and the new Ambassador of Peru, H.E. Guillermo Fernandez Comejo Cortes.

The mayor of Antwerp, H. Bob Cools, his deputies and the town clerk, in Haifa for a five day visit to strengthen the 20-year-old friendship pact between the two port cities, were received yesterday by Mayor Arye Gurel at City Hall.

In Memoriam

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and others participated yesterday in a memorial ceremony for Moshe Pearlman, 30 days after his death. Speakers at the ceremony in the Jerusalem Theatre praised Pearlman's journalistic and public works.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Marcus of Geneva yesterday, with a delegation of family, friends and institute supporters, to attend the inauguration next Sunday at the Weizmann Institute of Science of the Adolf and Paul Marcus Residences. The ceremony will also be attended by Mr. and Mrs. André Marcus of New York, and will be presided over by Institute Chancellor Lord Sif Eshkol.

The temporary President of the Liberal Senate, Senator John G. Rancy, accompanied by his wife, Jocella arrived yesterday for a week's stay in Israel as guests of the Israeli Government.

Steaua Bucharest takes European Cup

The Romanian army team Steaua Bucharest registered one of the major upsets of the soccer season in Seville last night when it became the first East European club ever to win the European Cup by beating highly fancied Barcelona 2-0 on a penalty kick shoot-out.

When the match ended in a goal-less draw after extra time it had to be decided in the unsatisfactory manner of a shoot-out.

The sturdy Romanians kept their cool while 50,000 anguished Spanish fans watched in horror as four Barcelona players had their spot-kicks saved.

High Court forbids destruction of house

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued a temporary restriction forbidding authorities from destroying the Beit Hanina homes of one of the 25 men arrested in connection with the Jerusalem terror ring. The ring is suspected of carrying out two murders and two attempted murders.

The father of one of the suspects, Salem Abdullah Arabni, applied to the High Court for an order against the defence and the police ministers and the OC Central Command.

Arabni said investigators, who arrived at his home with his son after his son's arrest last week, indicated the house would be demolished or boarded up.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

U.S. specialist staying to treat Chernobyl victims

MOSCOW. — Dr. Robert Gale, a U.S. bone-marrow specialist, said yesterday he and other experts will probably be in the Soviet capital for at least a month to treat victims of the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

An official government statement on the accident was issued through the Tass news agency which said that radiation continues to decrease around the power plant site in the northern Ukraine, but that it has not yet reached normal levels.

The statement said work was continuing to shore up the Pripyat River and protect it from radioactive contamination. But little new information was disclosed about the disaster on April 26 which killed two people and sent about 200 others to hospital.

Gale arrived last Friday to help Soviet doctors treat those most seriously injured in the accident. He said by telephone yesterday that he had been operating on victims of the disaster, but declined to say how

many bone-marrow transplants he had already performed.

Two other U.S. specialists, Dr. Paul Terasaki and Dr. Richard Champlin, are in Moscow to assist with treatment, and an Israeli doctor, Yair Reisner, arrived yesterday, Gale said.

Official government statements have said only that 197 people were injured in the accident, 18 of them seriously. No figures have been provided of the amount of radiation they were exposed to. Heavy doses of radiation destroy bone marrow, causing death.

A Foreign Ministry official called several Western news agencies last night to inform them that a tour of the Kiev area was being arranged. Request by foreign journalists to visit the accident area, or Kiev, which is about 130 kilometres to the south, have been routinely denied since word of the Chernobyl disaster was first issued on April 28.

A later Tass report acknowledged

that some Kiev residents were worried and were leaving the city hurriedly. "Of course there is anxiety. Especially parents over their children," it said.

"In the railway stations and Aeroflot kiosks queues for tickets have appeared. Dozens of extra long-distance trains have been laid on."

Fallout precautions — P. 4

The picture of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster emerging through the official Soviet media is of a rescue effort that spared most people serious illness and of life that goes on largely unaffected in nearby population centres.

But the reports have not answered lingering questions about exact radiation levels in the accident area, the condition of casualties, and whether a fire still burns at the plant's crippled No. 4 reactor.

Soviet officials told a news conference Tuesday that the plant staff did not realize immediately how serious the accident was. They said it was not until 36 hours after the initial explosion ripped through the reactor that Pripyat, a town of 25,000 surrounding the power plant, was evacuated.

Tass said people eventually were evacuated from a 30-kilometre zone around the plant and were "subjected to special decontamination treatment," adding that "according to official medical information, there are no health risks for the absolute majority of evacuees."

The Kiev region Communist Party leader Grigory Revenko said in an interview published yesterday that some workers had shirked their responsibilities in tackling the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear plant. Revenko balanced his criticism with praise for the workers who were still in the area of the stricken power station. (AP, Reuters)

Knesset panel discusses nuclear accidents

Health Ministry could supply iodine for all within 24 hours

Post Knesset Correspondent

A level of radioactivity higher than normal was detected in certain parts of Israel in the wake of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, the Knesset Interior Committee was told when it met yesterday in special session to discuss the state of preparedness for such accidents.

Dr. Alma Avni, head of public health services at the Health Ministry, told the MKs that the concentrations had not been high enough to present a danger to the population, and the ministry decided not to reveal where the high test results were obtained in order not to cause undue alarm.

Avni also said that the ministry could obtain

within 24 hours enough iodine tablets to supply the country's entire population. She said there was no risk whatsoever in drinking water or milk in any part of the country, or in eating any fruit or vegetables.

A representative of the Atomic Energy Commission said that the theoretical risk of an accident at Israel's two nuclear reactors was in no way comparable to the danger caused by the plant in the Ukraine. The larger reactor here, at Dimona, is rated at 25 megawatts, and the smaller reactor at Nahal Sorek is rated at five megawatts, whereas the Chernobyl reactor complex is rated at 3,200 megawatts. (The reactor that melted down was rated at 1,000 megawatts.)

Committee chairman Dov Shilansky told reporters afterwards that he expected the government to table legislation providing control facilities for early warning of nuclear accidents, as well as measures to offset the effects of accidents.

Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) said later that, since at present half a dozen separate bodies are involved in preparing emergency measures in the event of a nuclear accident, he would not feel confident until he knew that proper coordination had been worked out between all of them.

Apart from the Health Ministry and the Atomic Energy Commission, other bodies represented at yesterday's meeting included the Interior Ministry and the Meteorological Service.

Beirut kidnappers strike twice

BEIRUT (AP). — Kidnappers struck twice in Moslem West Beirut yesterday, seizing an 85-year-old Frenchman at a crowded seaside boulevard and a Lebanese Christian professor at the American University, police reported.

They said two militiamen intercepted retired car dealer Camille

Sontag as he drove through the city and yanked him out of his car.

They forced him into a waiting taxi and sped off, leaving his wife, also 85, screaming in tears for help. But none of the dozens of onlookers dared make a move against the kidnappers, according to police.

The American University of

Beirut said associate professor of cultural studies Nabi Matar, 36, a Protestant, disappeared as he walked from his house to the campus yesterday morning.

Police said two or three gunmen bundled Matar into a car and raced away.

Syrians clash with Hizbollah in Lebanon

BAALBEK (Reuters). — Syrian troops and Shi'ite Hizbollah terrorists fought a gunbattle in this town in the Lebanese Bekaa Valley yesterday during a visit by a senior Syrian officer, security sources said.

Shooting erupted for five minutes at the town's bazaar and Syrian troops later clamped a curfew on the area.



The head of the UN military team in Teheran inspects wreckage of an Iraqi bomb during a visit to western Iran Tuesday. The Iranian government reported that the area was hit by 16-20 bombs during an Iraqi raid. (Reuters/telephoto)

Greece may abrogate pact with Libya

ATHENS (JTA). — Greece is finding it increasingly difficult to keep an agreement whereby it was granted immunity from Libyan-backed terrorism in return for political support of Muammar Gaddafi, the weekly newsletter of the ruling Socialist Party (Pasok) has reported.

Because of Libyan support for terrorism and Western sanctions against Gaddafi, Greece now feels that it may no longer be able to abide by the agreement, the newsletter said. Though it values its relations with Libya, Greece needs U.S. aid and cannot continue defying EEC moves against Gaddafi.

Citing Libyan and Western diplomatic sources, the newsletter said that Pasok officials and associates of Gaddafi had reached an agreement containing the following five points:

- Libya will refrain from terrorist activities in Greece and Cyprus.
- Greece will present Libyan positions on Middle East and North African issues to the EEC.
- Libya will not recognize the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and will remain neutral on the Greek-Turkish dispute.
- Greece will allow a large number of Libyan diplomats to stay in the country.

Clarification today on Heichal protests

By YORAM GAZIT For The Jerusalem Post

PETAH TIKVA. — The attorneys for the Religious Front faction in the municipality will meet today with the police district commander to clarify whether the city's Orthodox have the legal right to demonstrate without a permit in front of the Heichal cinema against the screening of movies on the Sabbath.

Last Tuesday, the Religious Front's attorneys wrote police district commander Enosh Givati claiming that the orthodox residents could legally demonstrate against the screenings without a police permit.

The attorneys based their claims on the attorney-general's legal opinion

of April 1, 1983, concerning the freedom to demonstrate. They claimed that a police permit is needed only when a gathering has a political intention, or when a political speech is being delivered.

Givati responded with a letter that explained the legal restrictions against an organized procession or protest that blocks the free movement of cars and pedestrians on a road or on a sidewalk.

A police spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that Givati's letter reaffirmed that only up to 50 people will be allowed to gather in front of the Heichal cinema on Friday night. "If more than 50 Orthodox gather in front of the cinema, the police will use force to disperse them," he said.

Woman's body in wrecked car; murder suspected

ACRE (Itim). — When the body of 25-year-old Noga Dror was found in her wrecked car in a gorge below the Sasa-Hurth road in Upper Galilee earlier this week, the police at first believed she had died in an accident.

But the body's position in the car, and the fact that the car had left the road on a straight stretch, made investigators decide to take a second look at the case. The body was sent for an autopsy, and police pathologists concluded that she had almost certainly been murdered.

Detectives attended her funeral in Yavne'el and waited until it was over before arresting her 37-year-old husband on suspicion of murder.

Police believe that the woman — who, like her husband, was a guide at the Mt. Meron field school — was beaten to death before being placed in the car which was rolled into the gorge to create the impression of an accident.

Details of the case were released yesterday. The husband is to be brought to court today for a remand order.

Osem staff strike over low wages

By DAVID RUDGE Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 200 workers at the Osem food factory in Yokne'am staged a wildcat strike yesterday in protest against low wages.

Saying their April salaries, which range from IS 320 for a production worker to IS 500 for a driver, were "beneath contempt," the workers would not return to work until management agreed to boost their salaries in anticipation of a new labour contract that has yet to be negotiated.

An Osem spokesman said the action took management by surprise. The workers had submitted their demands but had not allowed any time for talks to begin, he said, adding that wages at Osem were no lower than elsewhere in the food industry.

Toledano said the stoppage was apparently a spontaneous reaction set off when the workers received their April salaries in which they had expected to see increases.



Gaston Defferre (IPPA)

Defferre, Marseille mayor, 75

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

MARSEILLE. — Gaston Defferre, charismatic millionaire Socialist mayor of Marseille since 1953, died yesterday in hospital after a fall caused by a stroke. He was 75.

Doctors said Defferre had been in intensive care at Marseille's Timone Hospital since early Tuesday when he was admitted in a coma. He died without regaining consciousness just before noon.

Within hours of arriving back in Paris from the Tokyo summit, President Mitterrand flew to Marseille, postponing a weekly cabinet meeting.

"It is a great loss for me and a great loss for France," said a sombre-looking Mitterrand after spending 15 minutes with the body of his late friend, political ally and fellow fighter in the wartime resistance.

Undisputed boss of this unruly Mediterranean port, Defferre also played a national role as presidential candidate, cabinet minister, parliamentarian and newspaper publisher.

He took pride in defending Marseille from those he considered extremists — first the Communists, and more recently the right, allied with the anti-immigrant National Front.

Defferre collapsed after an angry party meeting on Monday evening that rejected his candidature for the post of local party chief and chose a rival's protégé.

Prime Minister Peres cabled Mitterrand yesterday to express his sorrow at Defferre's death. Peres noted that Defferre had given support to illegal Jewish immigration to Palestine after World War II, and had been a consistent friend of Israel from the time the state was established.

Haifa mayor Arye Gurel also expressed his sadness yesterday, noting that Marseille and Haifa had been twin cities for the past 25 years. Defferre last visited Haifa in January of this year.

Teachers split on Peres plea to delay pay rise

By LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Secondary School Teachers' Association yesterday acceded to Prime Minister Peres's request that its members forego until September 1987 some of the pay increases they are supposed to receive this September. But the rival Histadrut Teachers' Union is unwilling to agree to the postponement.

Over 40,000 teachers, which the teachers say are worth \$14 million, were to be added to the payroll in September to compensate teachers for work outside the classroom.

The Secondary School Teachers' Association decided to forgo some of the hours owed to its members, though they insist on getting the homeroom hours promised to eighth, ninth and 12th grade teachers.

The Histadrut union originally said a flat no to postponing any pay increases but finally agreed — at Peres's urging — to allow its executive committee to reconsider the matter.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

David Suissa returns after French jail term

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim). — David Suissa, the son of Prisons Service Commissioner Rafi Suissa, returned to Israel yesterday accompanied by his father after spending 2½ years in French jails for drug smuggling.

Insisting that he had been framed, the young Suissa told reporters he owed his early release for good behaviour to his family's efforts on his behalf, particularly his father's. The liberal Prisons Service Commissioner, who has said repeatedly that his son was innocent, has sold much of his property to cover the costs of his son's trial.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter BEERSHEBA. — Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday attended the inauguration of the Nahum Gutman Museum here.

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'Ma'ariv' expected back on streets today

Post Labour Reporter TEL AVIV. — Ma'ariv is expected to be on sale as usual today, after a wildcat strike by printers prevented publication yesterday.

The Tel Aviv Labour Court issued a restraining order against the printers yesterday afternoon, forcing them to return to work. The order was issued at the request of the paper's management.

The printers went on strike in defiance of an agreement between management and staff to implement an austerity programme. Ma'ariv Director-General Shimon Hefetz said last night. Under the agreement, he said, the staff had agreed to accept voluntary wage reductions for a limited period.

The austerity programme and wage cuts had been prompted by a severe financial crisis caused by the paper's steady loss of readership to its rival, Yediot Aharonot.

Solel Boneh workers to be paid in stages

Post Labour Reporter TEL AVIV. — Workers of the ailing Solel Boneh construction company will apparently not be paid their salaries in full this month, sources said yesterday. Under an agreement shaping up between management and the company's works committees, the workers will receive an advance on their wages of NIS 450, with the difference payable later.

The Knesset Finance Committee is expected to agree in principle to the company's request for government aid when it meets today. The Treasury's failure to give the company an advance on the aid, is behind the firm's inability to pay wages in full this month, the sources said.

Remand for Kiryat Ata man in double murder

HAIFA (Itim). — A 28-year-old Kiryat Ata man was remanded in custody yesterday by the magistrates' court here for a double murder on April 21.

Michael Elkim was arrested by police shortly after he allegedly ambushed and murdered two other Kiryat Ata residents, Maxim Ezzan and David Shem-Tov. In ordering the remand, Judge Yitzhak Klausner said the police investigation had found evidence that Elkim and Ezzan were involved in the drug trade.

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by LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Directors of Israel's private geriatric hospitals yesterday threatened sanctions if the Health Ministry does not increase the daily hospitalization rate and does not sign a contract with them.

"We will give patients all the care they need for as long as they are in our hospitals, and we will not put them out at our own initiative," Yoel Sperling, chairman of the Association of Private Hospitals, told reporters here yesterday. But the hospitals were tired of waiting for the ministry to act, he said.

The state comptroller's report that was published a year ago recommended a contractual arrangement between the ministry and the private hospitals to ensure that patients receive all the services the ministry thinks they should. The hospital owners want the contract to specify when the ministry will pay for service, on what basis the daily rate will be updated, and so forth.

According to Sperling, Health Ministry director-general Dan Michaeli signed a document in April last year promising a contract by the end of May 1986. But there is still no contract and, according to Sperling and his colleagues, there are no negotiations either.

The daily rate is now NIS 30 (Histadrut Health Fund institutions get twice as much, and general hospitals get six times as much for nursing the aged). The Health Ministry claims NIS 30 is adequate.

On the rate, but the ministry has rejected the idea.

"The health minister promised us that if we had any problems in negotiations, we could come to him. We have sent him several telegrams requesting meetings, but have received no answer."

"Prime Minister Peres expressed shock last year when our patients were sent to general hospitals because we didn't have the money to care for them. In view of his concern, we recently sent him a telegram requesting his intervention, but he hasn't answered either," Sperling said.

Prof. Moshe Mashiah, acting director-general of the Health Ministry, said in reply that the charges were unfounded and that hospital proprietors should stop threatening the ministry. He said the daily hospitalization rate was updated twice since the price freeze began last July, and has been checked and rechecked dozens of times by both the Health and the Finance Ministries.

As for the contract, a Health Ministry spokesman said that a meeting would be held with the hospital proprietors within the week, and that it was hoped an agreement would be reached.

Poll finds that despite classes on democracy:

Little erosion in pupils' support

By JOEL REBIBO

Educating pupils about democracy has not significantly reduced support for the ideas of Meir Kahane and his Kach Party among Israeli youth, according to the findings of a Dahaf poll released yesterday.

The poll, taken in March among 600 pupils aged 5-18 at the request of the Van Leer Institute, showed a drop of 1 to 7 percentage points in support for Kach over a year ago when 11.3 per cent of those polled said they would vote for Kach. But ideas associated with Kahanism remained popular.

When the key words "Kahane," "democracy," and "Kach" appeared in questions, there was a significant drop in support for Kahanist doctrines. However, questions that posed similar ideas but didn't have those words showed there was little change in the respondents' attitudes towards the rights of Arabs.

One category that did show a significant decline in support for Kahanism comprised pupils attending trade schools in the b

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Plea for Begun release submitted to world forum

By RON JOURARD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A plea for the immediate release of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun from jail in the Soviet Union and for permission for him to emigrate to Israel was submitted to the supreme international human rights forum last week. *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The forum, which has among its members both a U.S. and a Soviet representative, is empowered to consult with foreign governments and make recommendations. In a few months it is to decide whether or not to take up the case.


Begun, 54, imprisoned in 1983 for promoting Jewish education and culture, is held at Chestopol, one of the harshest prisons in the Soviet Union. He suffers from severe heart disease and, according to reliable information, is presently hospitalized.

Members of Begun's family initiated the petition six weeks ago because they were concerned about his health. The petition, prepared by Jerusalem lawyer Itzhak Nener, chairman of the Council of the Israeli Bar Association, calls for Begun's release on legal and humanitarian grounds. All the facts in the petition are supported by affidavits, including one by Anatoly Shcharansky, who describes the harsh conditions under which Begun has been held.

Since 1971, when Begun first applied for an exit visa to Israel, his basic human rights have been denied and he has been systematically harassed by the KGB, the petition states. On three separate occasions since 1977 he has been unjustly convicted of various charges and imprisoned.

Begun was a leading member of the movement to further Jewish education and culture and the Hebrew language in the Soviet Union, and his three convictions stem from his involvement.

He was first arrested in 1977 and sentenced for guilty of leading a "parasitic way of life," for which he was sentenced to two years' penal exile in Siberia. Begun, a mathematician with a Ph.D. in statistics, was fired from a job in his field at the Moscow



Yosef Begun

Agriculture Institute when he applied to emigrate.

Following his exile he was barred from living within 100 kilometres of Moscow, where his wife and son live. He needed a special "passport" to visit his family. In August 1978 he overstayed the 48 hours allowed for one visit and was exiled for three years for "malicious violation of passport rights."

After his return from exile in August 1980, Begun continued promoting Jewish education and culture and teaching Hebrew. He prepared lectures, which he distributed among like-minded Jews.

Begun's whereabouts

By SARAH
Post Political Co-Editor

TEL AVIV. — The whereabouts of Yosef Begun are unknown despite wife Ina.

Begun suffers from a severe heart condition since his imprisonment in 1983 from subjecting him to the "strict regime."

Several months ago Ina Begun was removed from the prison and taken to a remote Tatar republic where the prison husband in a search of hospitals in the republic called to Israel this week.

The only thing she came up with was that he was in hospital and that his condition prompted the hospitalization or where

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1 The Jewish Agency (hereinafter the Agency) invites tenders from building contractors for the construction of:

The Child Development Centre in the Josephthal Neighbourhood in Petah Tikva, within the framework of Project Renewal

2 The projected construction is a two-storey building, approx. 600 sq.m.

3 Conditions of the tender as well as all other pertinent information can be obtained from Thursday, May 8, 1986, from the Agency, 17 Kaplan Street, Tel Aviv, room 717 between 9:00 a.m. and -12 noon, against a non-refundable payment of NIS 250.-

4 A special tour of the construction site for contractors will be held on Monday, May 12, 1986, departing at 10:00 a.m. from the Site - Weisburg St., Josephthal neighbourhood

5 Bids should be submitted not later than 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 1986, at the address mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

6 This tender is open only to contractors registered in accordance with the Act regarding Registration of Contractors for the execution of Engineering and Construction Works 1969 such contractors to abide by requirements of the Act and to be eligible to carry out the works as specified.

7 Bids not undertaken to accept the lowest, or any other bid.



Israel Museum director Dr. Martin Weyl offers a handful of Dead Sea salt to guest Indian dancer Pnina Ben-Fichri at the annual gathering of the museum's international council of friends and supporters, held yesterday at the Dead Sea Works. Guests were treated to the region's fruits, a menu made of salt, and exotic entertainment. (Vera Etzion)

Kollek honours Austrian

Austrian artist Ernst Degasperri is to hold an exhibition of his works in Jerusalem, after his scheduled show in Ramat Gan was cancelled by Mayor Ramat Gan Mayor Uri Amit.

Amit called off the show in protest against the nearly \$0 per cent Aus-

spurned by Ramat Gan

trian vote for Dr. Kurt Waldheim in Sunday's presidential elections.

In response, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek invited Degasperri to exhibit in Jerusalem "in honour of the 50 per cent of Austrians who did not vote for Waldheim."

Support for Kach ideology

By BARBARA AMOYAL

Although financier David Balas appeared calm and collected in Tel Aviv court this week, his guards at the Abu Kabir lock-up are taking no chances with his emotional state. Police have assigned a round-the-clock companion to see that Balas does not commit suicide. Similar steps have been taken to ensure the safety of Moshe Stern, the former

police investigation and suicide, but it is no more pronounced among ex-bank managers than among rapists or car thieves," says Addad.

About 13 out of every 100,000 Israeli adults kill themselves each year, says Addad. While no figures point to how many of them were suspected of criminal involvement, experts believe the number is significant.

pect is like ordering him into the water without getting wet," says the Prisons Service psychologist. "Bringing the suspect to the breaking point becomes part and parcel of police investigations."

According to Addad, anyone can have suicidal feelings while under police investigation. "There's no generalizing about personality type or specific crime," says Addad.

Jerusalem branch manager of North American Bank.

Police say they have learned from tragic experience that once-respectable and powerful political and business figures tend to crumble under police investigation. Recent suicide attempts by Tel Aviv contractor Avraham Gindi, and by Hava Ya'ari, wife of television journalist Ehud Ya'ari, as well as the suicide of financier Michael Albin last August have prompted police to re-examine the way they conduct interrogations of suspects, while upgrading prison conditions.

Not everyone thinks that white-collar criminals are more prone to attempt suicide than ordinary lawbreakers. Although white-collar suspects are more likely to make news, the possibility of a suspect taking his life exists in any police investigation, says Prof. Moshe Addad, chairman of Bar-Ilan University's criminology department.

"There is a connection between

Although suicide is an ever-present danger in the prisons, police and Prison Service officials admit reluctantly that instances of suicide are more frequent among those under actual investigation. "Often, sentencing is an anti-climax. Those who survived the ordeal of the trial and the police lock-up look at prison as a sort of relief," says a Prisons Service psychologist, who asked not to be identified. That suicide attempts are more likely to be made during an investigation is not surprising, says Addad. The purpose of a police investigation, after all, is essentially to win a confession or to gain information from a suspect by exerting psychological pressure. The fine line between breaking a suspect and causing a total mental breakdown is something that criminologists and professional investigators find increasingly difficult to draw.

"Instructing an officer to get information from an uncooperative suspect without breaking that sus-

"Under certain circumstances anyone can be overwhelmed by suicidal tendencies."

Addad says that suicide often represents a final show of control or, in some cases, of revenge. According to him, men like Albin, former Bank Hapoalim head Ya'acov Levinson and David Ofer didn't want to escape responsibility for their alleged crimes but to exert control through the only means left at their disposal.

Levinson took his life in January 1984, two weeks after police started an investigation into his alleged managerial improprieties. Ofer was housing minister when he shot himself in January 1977, after police began investigating embezzlement charges against him.

In other cases, says Addad, citing Gindi and Ya'ari, suicide attempts were an expression of the will to escape. By taking their lives they hoped to win the sympathy of their families and the public.

Israeli scientists join African aid programme

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. - An organization set up to help African nations overcome problems of farming in arid areas, Terra-Aid, has recruited two Israeli scientists from Ben-Gurion University's institute for applied research.

The two, James (Alon) Aronson and Prof. Yossi Mizrahi, recently returned from a three-week trip to an African country, where they worked with local crop management experts on setting up experimental farming stations, picking trainees for programmes in Israel, and introducing new plant species for commercial farming.

"Some 150,000 people starve to death worldwide every day," Aronson told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Emergency food aid can never provide a long-term solution to hunger in Africa."

The best way to help, in his view, is to introduce new farming technology that can be learned easily by the local population.

Aronson, of BGU's Boyko Institute for Agriculture, has travelled extensively in the arid zones of Africa, Asia and America over the past two years in search of plants which can be grown simply and economically with little water or cultivation.

Once a species is selected for study it is brought to Israel and planted in six experimental station throughout the Negev and the Arava. Mizrahi noted that there are hundreds of wild roots, tubers, nuts and fruits with high protein potential growing throughout Africa, but only a few have been traditionally used for food.

The wild plants are introduced experimentally at first, then grown on a wider scale to test their commercial potential.

The Israeli team brought back several new species from their recent trip. One, the marula tree, comes in three varieties, each with a different flavoured fruit. The fruits are rich in vitamins and a single tree can reportedly produce 100,000 fruits a year.

Another find is the mongongo nut. In years of drought, 80 per cent of the protein consumed by the indigenous population of Botswana comes from this source. The Somali yeheb nut also shows potential as a new crop, being tasty, easy to crack and rich in oils and proteins. It survives dry spells easily, though it is in danger of disappearing in the wild.

New stamp honours Moslem community

ACRE.—A new stamp honouring Israel's Moslem community was issued yesterday.

The illustration on the stamp depicts the 200-year-old al-Jazzar mosque here, the third most important mosque in the country. It is the first time a Moslem subject has been used for a philatelic design.

The new stamp also marks the Id al-Fitr feast, which comes at the end of the month-long Ramadan fast that begins tomorrow.

Communications Minister Azmon Rubinstein was guest of honour at the special ceremony here yesterday to mark the first-day issue. He said the stamp, designed by Assaf Berg and worth 30 agorot, was the first in a series on non-Jewish communities in the Druse.

It was fitting that the ceremony was held in Acre because the city, which was recently awarded a national prize for tolerance, was an example of how Jews and Arabs can live together in peace and harmony, Rubinstein said.

Prior to the ceremony in the Knights' Hall of the ancient Crusader fortress, Rubinstein visited the adjacent al-Jazzar mosque, built during the Ottoman period by the governor of Sidon, Jazzar Pasha.

The minister was greeted by the khadi of Acre, Sheikh Mohammed Khubeshi, who said the new stamp was a great honour to all Moslems in the country.

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The bathing season begins here on Sunday, but the water will be no cleaner than last year, officials conceded.

David Yutan, head of Tel Aviv's beach department, said the problem of waste emanating from the Reading D power station in the north of the city will not be solved until next year. By then, he said, officials hope to have a system for channelling in the waste to the Rishon LeZion oxidation plant will be ready.

In the meantime, the estimated eight million bathers who use the beaches this season will have to face the dark brown, litter-strewn and smelly water.

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Fallout precautions vary widely in Europe

LONDON. — Measures to prevent people consuming food and water contaminated by the nuclear accident in the Soviet Ukraine vary widely from one European country to another, not necessarily according to distance from the damaged reactor.

The measures have focused on milk, rainwater and leafy vegetables as most likely to have been affected by radioactive fallout, as well as on fresh food imports from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

But while Italy and Austria have imposed strict bans on some foodstuffs, other countries such as Norway and apparently the Soviet Union itself have limited themselves to recommendations and checks.

Reflecting the differing opinions, the European Community yesterday debated a ban on fresh food imports from the Eastern Bloc, but the World Health Organization said in Copenhagen such restrictions were not generally justified on health grounds.

Correspondents in various European capitals reported the following measures:

★ **MOSCOW** — Kiev television advised local people to avoid eating leafy vegetables and spending too long out of doors. The official Tass news agency said that in the disaster area "nothing is brought into the shops without being checked first."

★ **WARSAW** — The Polish government has ordered that only milk from cows fed on dry fodder can be marketed, and advised scrupulous washing of green vegetables before eating.

Rumours that the river Vistula had been contaminated by radioactivity were denied by the Polish authorities, who said that householders storing water because of the scare were causing shortages.

People in Warsaw filled baths and sinks with water last night after rumours that water contaminated by the Soviet nuclear accident was approaching the capital from the south.

★ **THE HAGUE** — The Dutch government has warned that spinach poses a special danger because it concentrates in cooking, increasing the radiation level. Dairy farmers

who fail to keep their herds indoors face fines and confiscation of milk.

★ **STOCKHOLM** — Milk cows cannot be let out to graze in parts of eastern central Sweden where radiation is highest. Fresh food imports from the Soviet Union are banned while those from Eastern Europe are being checked for possible contamination.

★ **ROME** — The government's ban on the sale of leafy vegetables to protect against radioactive fallout is costing Italian farmers some 5 billion lire (\$3.3m.) a day, a producers' group said Wednesday.

The Health Ministry announced the 15-day ban last Friday to counteract fallout from the Soviet nuclear disaster. It also forbade feeding fresh milk to pregnant women or children under 10 for 15 days.

The actual sale of milk has not been banned but the producers' group said adults are refusing to buy milk because of an "unjustifiable psychosis" that is causing heavy damage to the dairy industry.

★ **ATHENS** — The Greek government said yesterday radiation levels, which rose following the Chernobyl nuclear accident, had fallen considerably.

Minister of Health, Welfare and Social Security, George Yennimatas, said the government still advised consumers not to drink milk and recommended vegetables should be carefully washed.

★ **VIENNA** — Austria has banned imports of milk products, fruit and green vegetables from six Eastern Bloc countries, Italy and Yugoslavia. It has also forbidden the sale of its own green vegetables grown in the open and ordered farmers to stop grazing cattle on fresh grass.

Austria has decided not to sue the Soviet Union for damages on the grounds that the costs of countering radiation from the Chernobyl accident are impossible to calculate, a government spokesman said. The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting yesterday.

The Socialist-led coalition government has not yet made up its mind on whether to compensate Austrian farmers barred as of yesterday from selling green vegetables grown in the open, the spokesman said. (Reuters, AP)

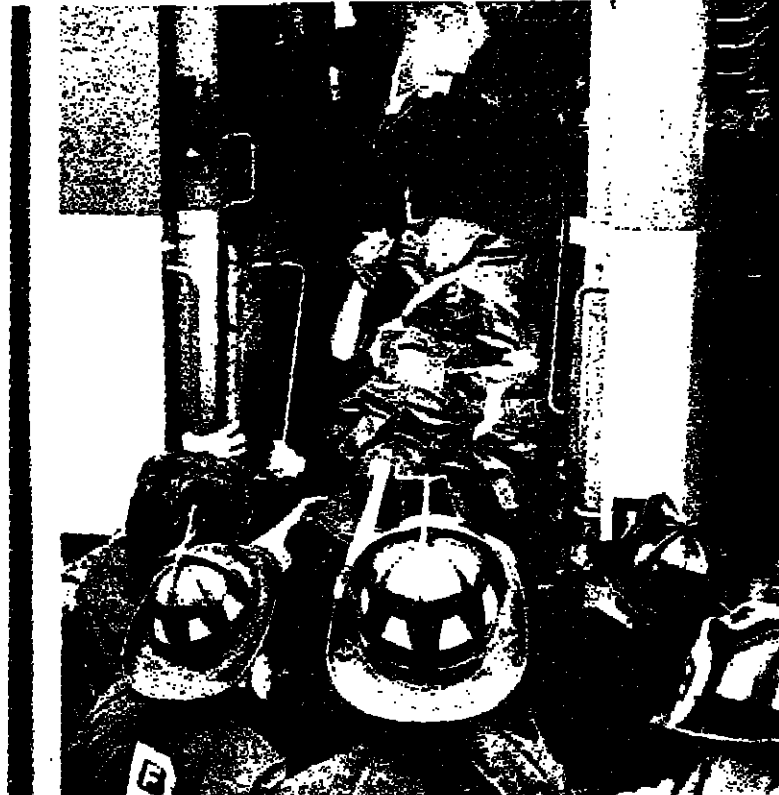
Boston train collision leaves 200 injured

BOSTON (AP). — A commuter train packed with 500 passengers collided with an idle freight train during rush hour yesterday morning and as many as 200 people were reported injured, police said. Officials said most of the injuries appeared to be minor.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority train collided with the 50-car freight train in Boston's Brighton section as the four-car commuter train was travelling from Framingham to Boston.

A spokesman for city health services said emergency medical teams reported 136 people, four with serious injuries, were taken to hospitals. Police said about 200 people were treated at the scene or hospitalised.

"From preliminary indications, the freight train which was being switched by Conrail, didn't completely clear the running track and that's what caused the collision," said a spokesman for the Authority.



An injured commuter is comforted as firefighters remove her from the MBTA commuter train which collided with a Conrail freight train in Boston yesterday, injuring 200. (Reuters telephoto)

Libya claims body washed ashore of downed U.S. airman

NICOSIA (AP). — The body of one of the American airmen shot down during the U.S. air raids against Libya April 15 was washed ashore and picked up west of Tripoli, the official Libyan news agency Jana reported yesterday.

The body was washed ashore Tuesday some 50 km. west of the Libyan capital, Tripoli, according to the agency reports monitored here.

Jana said "the body carried proofs of terrorism": 14 ammunition rounds for an American-made pistol, a bottle of American water, many American dollars, a few pounds sterling and an engagement ring bearing the name Blanca-Linda.

The Pentagon said after the raids that one of the U.S. F-111 fighter-bombers was lost, and identified the jet's crew as Capt. Fernando Ribas Domínguez of Puerto Rico, the pilot, and Capt. Paul Lawrence, the weapons system officer.

Bangladesh government stole election, opposition charges

DACCA (Reuters). — The leader of Bangladesh's main opposition party charged that the martial law government had "stolen" yesterday's parliamentary election, marred by widespread violence and charges of fraud.

Polling ended at 5 p.m. (11:00 GMT) for 300 seats to the parliament now suspended under martial law. Local and diplomatic analysts expected the government-supported Jatiya party to gain a commanding majority.

Sheikh Hasina Wajed, president of the Awami League, also said at least 25 people were killed and 500 injured in election violence, although the figures could not be immediately confirmed independently.

Opposition leaders and independent witnesses reported numerous incidents of police interference, voter intimidation, and polling irregularities mostly favouring the Jatiya Party which backs President Hossain Mohammed Ershad.

Despite her accusations against the government, Hasina declined to say if she would reject the results of the election.

Six more Hindus killed in unabating Punjab violence

AMRITSAR (AP). — Sikh terrorists killed six Hindus in a hail of gunfire near this sacred city yesterday, the sixth straight day of hit-and-run attacks that have left 33 dead, police said.

Six Sikh gunmen ambushed an inter-city bus outside Amritsar, pulled out five Hindu passengers, lined them up and shot them, the police said. Four were killed instantly. The wounded fifth passenger was identified as an army soldier in civilian dress.

The extremists then fled in a car, firing indiscriminately along the way and killing two more Hindus, police reported. The killings mark the bloodiest spurt in Sikh terrorism this year in Punjab state, home of the Sikhs, who form a majority in the region but a tiny minority in the rest of India.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Ethiopia, Somalia seek end to 9-year war

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters). — Ethiopia and Somalia began peace talks yesterday that they hope will end the virtual state of war that has existed between them for nearly a decade.

Foreign ministers from the two countries declared in separate statements that the time was ripe for a settlement and that with goodwill and understanding they could end a conflict that had stretched the resources of their countries and heightened tension in the strategic Horn of Africa.

The talks are designed to end the simmering border dispute over the Ogaden Desert that led to war in 1977, when Somali forces invaded the Ethiopian-held territory populated mainly by ethnic Somali nomads. After a stunning advance, the Somalis were beaten back by the Ethiopians, supported by Cuban troops and freshly armed by the Soviet Union.

Charges dropped as Ferraro probe ends

NEW YORK (AP). — The U.S. Justice Department said Tuesday that it had ended its 21-month investigation into the finances of former vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro and her husband, John Ferraro, without bringing criminal charges.

But a department spokesman, John Russell, said in Washington that the case had been referred to the department's civil division for determination of whether Ferraro committed any civil violations under the Ethics in Government Act.

Ferraro had cited the probe, which began in August 1984 — one month after Ferraro's nomination as the Democratic Party candidate for vice president, as the main reason behind her decision not to challenge New York's Republican senator Alfonse D'Amato in the November election.

The allegations had focused on holdings by Zaccaro, a New York real estate man who pleaded guilty in January 1985 to a charge of scheming to defraud.

Rhodes, Sanford in U.S. primaries comeback

NEW YORK (AP). — Voters in primary elections launched former governors James A. Rhodes of Ohio and Terry Sanford of North Carolina on the comeback trail, and elsewhere they trounced supporters of extremist Lyndon Larouche.

In North Carolina, voters in Tuesday's elections chose a moderate over a Jesse Helms-style conservative in a U.S. Senate race.

In Indiana, the third state to hold a primary Tuesday, a Valparaiso city councilwoman trounced a supporter of extremist Lyndon Larouche for the Democratic nomination to oppose Republican Senator Dan Quayle in November.

Larouche believes, among other things, that Queen Elizabeth II is behind an international drug organization, former secretary of state Henry Kissinger is a Soviet agent and that victims of Aids should be quarantined.

Tamil bomb kills 10, wounds 100 in Colombo

COLOMBO (Reuters). — Ten people were killed and about 100 others were wounded when a Tamil guerrilla bomb ripped through the government's main telegraph office in Colombo yesterday, official sources said.

A National Security Ministry spokesman said the government was certain that the bomb was planted by a guerrilla group fighting for an independent state for the minority Tamils.

He said the authorities suspected that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebel group had planted the powerful bomb which wrecked two floors of the colonial-style building in the heart of the capital. The spokesman said the LTTE was also suspected of the bombing of an Air Lanka plane at

Colombo airport last Saturday which killed 14 people. The LTTE has denied this.

Panic gripped the city as ambulances and fire engines, their sirens screaming, raced to the building. Rescue workers ferried the wounded, some badly burned, to Colombo General Hospital.

A hospital spokesman said six people died before they were admitted.

The bomb was powerful enough to stop all clocks at exactly 9.23 a.m. in the red-tiled whitewashed building, located less than 500 metres from President Junius Jayewardene's official residence.

The bomb was placed on a counter where members of the public go to book cables or international telephone calls.

Sudan troops recapture town from rebels

KHARTOUM (Reuters). — Sudanese government troops yesterday recaptured the southern town of Rumbek from Ethiopian-backed rebels, the official Sudan news agency Suna reported.

Rumbek, in the southern province of Bahr el-Ghazal some 1,300 km. southwest of Khartoum, fell to rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army on March 5.

The town was the biggest to fall into the hands of the rebels since they began fighting government troops in 1983.

SPORTS

Maccabi TA win State Cup replay

Maccabi Tel Aviv edged past Maccabi Petah Tikva in a State Cup semi-final replay yesterday, winning 5-4 on penalties after the scores were tied 2-2 at the end of extra time. But

the Tel Avivians paid a heavy price for this victory — one of their stars, Menashe Shimonov was sent off with a red card.

Norwegian determination

By JACK LEON

JAFFA. — The determination of Amy Jonsson, the 18-year-old Norwegian women's champion, who came to Israel for the \$20,000 Vaneesa Phillips satellite women's tournament here, while all other European entrants cancelled because of Middle East tensions, was rewarded yesterday, when she scored a cliff-hanger 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2) victory over Israeli

Unseeded leading local tennis junior Yael Shavit, 18, yesterday scored her first victory over foreign opposition, when she defeated South Africa's seventh-seeded Lesene Selby 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). Shavit, the new Pannor junior champion, trailed 3-5 and 5-6 in the second set, and was then down 3-5 in the tie-break of the two-hour contest against the South African junior top-seeder, 16.

Jonsson and Jonsson in the quarter-finals are top seeds Ilana Berger and Linda Bernard from South Africa, Dalia Coriat (No. 3) and Sarah Shalev (No. 6), and South African Pasitella Rana and Neta Kruger, both also among the lower seeds. Play continues at 2:30 p.m. today at the Jaffa Tennis Centre.

In New York, the U.S. Tennis Association announced that they will not send young players to three important tennis tournaments in Europe because of the threat of terrorism.

Ra'anana gets new squash centre

By JACK LEON

RA'ANANA. — Ra'anana mayor Benjamin Wolfowitz on Monday night hit the ceremonial first ball to inaugurate the \$500,000 Ra'anana Squash Centre, with squash superstar Jonah Barrington at the mayor's side to guide him through with flying colours.

Barrington, 45 — Britain's celebrated "Mister Squash" — then entertained the gallery at the glass-backed stadium court hugely with one of the series of clinics which he has now taken to more than 100 countries across the globe. The event was held under the auspices of Israel Squash Promotions, and was sponsored by Dunlop, Hertz and Dan Hotels.

Barrington started with some hilarious ad-libbing, then coached

Robert Jedeikin, 48, in a light-hearted session that ended with the rather surprised local man winning 9-8. The long-time world squash champion next gave instruction in serving to junior international Gilad Muravitz and in the back-wall boast to Tzippi Bloomberg. Barrington was in somewhat more serious vein when he beat leading local player Davy Gattelbeid 8-3. Afterwards he described his 17-year-old opponent as "very promising."

The show ended with the superbly fit squash wizard from Somerset defeating top British coach and veterans' racket Peter Brown, 42, by 4-0, 6-3, 6-1 in an exhilarating encounter. Barrington thrilled the spectators with his backhand play and devastating, unreturnable, "kill" shots. It was the stuff that dreams are made of. Barrington was full of praise for the facilities at the Ra'anana Squash Centre. "The four courts are of the highest international standard," he commented.

Amos edged out

Amos Mansdorf was edged out of the Munich Grand Prix tournament 7-5, 0-6, 6-4 by West German Riki Osterman, ranked 115.

The Poland-Finland Davis Cup tennis tie, due to start in Warsaw on Friday has been postponed because of fears of radiation leakage after the Chernobyl nuclear accident, will be played on May 23-25.

Flames burn Blues

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (AP). — Doug Riseborough beat St. Louis goaltender Greg Millen with a short-handed, blast in the second period and Calgary continued their power-play dominance as the Flames beat the Blues 5-3 on Tuesday night, giving them a 2-1 lead in the NHL Stanley Cup semi-finals series.

Baseball: Tuesday

American League: Oakland 17, Toronto 3; California 6, Boston 2; Milwaukee 10, Seattle 0; Cleveland 6, Kansas City 1; 5 innings, rain; New York 10, Chicago 6; Texas 4, Detroit 3; Baltimore 5, Minnesota 3; Chicago 7, Los Angeles 6; New York 4, Houston 0; Cincinnati 2, Atlanta 0; Montreal 8, Philadelphia 0; San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 2; San Diego 3, St. Louis 2.

Bogin wins again

Yossi Bogin is the national table tennis champion. The 23-year-old Hapoel Ramat Gan player defeated his great rival, Dror Pollak, to win his fourth men's title with a final scoreline of 11-21, 21-16, 24-22, 21-16. Maccabi Tel Aviv's Iris Carmi took the women's title for the 9th time, when she won an effortless 2-0 final against Sigal Lev of Sha'ar Hanegev.

SPORTOTO

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — Sportsmen will pay out a minimum of NIS 1,000 million in prize money after this week's soccer matches, including NIS 450 m. among those getting an all correct results line of the 13 matches on the coupon.

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Court hears details of Brighton blast

Bomb for Tory conference planted 27 days earlier

LONDON (Reuters). — An Irish guerrilla planted the bomb that nearly killed British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her cabinet 27 days before it exploded, a court heard yesterday.

The bomb — up to 14kg. of explosives — lay undetected behind a bathroom panel in a room at Brighton's Grand Hotel as leaders of the ruling Conservative Party checked in for their annual conference, London's Old Bailey court was told.

When the time-delay bomb went off, said prosecutor Roy Amlot, a huge central section of the seafloor hotel was turned into a shaft, hurling sleeping guests down six floors from their beds into the basement.

Thatcher and her ministers survived the blast on October 12, 1984, but five other people were killed and 33 injured.

On the second day of London's biggest anti-terrorist trial, Amlot alleged the bomb was planted by Irishman Patrick Magee, 34, after he checked into room 629 of the hotel on September 15 using a false name.

Magee denies planting the bomb and murdering the five victims. The prosecution alleges his fingerprints are on the registration card of the guest who checked into room 629 on September 15.

Magee is standing trial with four others, two men and two women, all accused of planning a bombing campaign in mainland Britain last summer. Magee alone is charged with the Brighton bombing.

Amlot said the plot was foiled when Magee and the others were arrested in a Glasgow apartment in June last year.

Gabon, PLO to set up ties

LIBREVILLE (Reuters). — The West African state of Gabon and the PLO have announced they will establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level.

A communiqué signed by Gabonese President Omar Bongo and PLO chief Yasser Arafat at the end of Arafat's three-day visit said both backed the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Blast rocks Jo'burg white shopping centre

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — An explosion rocked a white shopping centre in a luxury suburb north of here yesterday, shattering windows but causing no injuries. Police said the "explosive device" went off in an outdoor stairwell of the Benmore Gardens Shopping Centre in Sandton in the early afternoon. The shopping centre was evacuated immediately afterwards.

Brian Gishen, who was driving nearby told reporters that he was outside the supermarket when he felt the explosion above and behind him. "We looked over our shoulders and saw the windows of the first floor burst outwards, and glass flew everywhere. It covered our car and another car," he said.

The blast occurred near a branch of the Pick 'n Pay supermarket chain in the shopping centre. The chain

was hit yesterday by a sit-in strike by more than 6,000 black workers over wage demands.

In a separate incident, local newspapers reported that the partially clothed, mutilated bodies of three black youths were found dumped behind a black workers' residential compound in Roodepoort, west of Johannesburg, on Tuesday.

The Star of Johannesburg said the three, whose ages were estimated at between 12 and 16, had been stabbed in the chest, back and sides. The paper quoted a local police spokesman as saying officers were investigating to determine whether the slayings were linked to daily anti-apartheid unrest in the nation's black townships.

A monitoring group in Johannesburg meanwhile said deaths in police

custody and detentions of activists have soared since the lifting of the state of emergency in March.

The Detainees' Parent Support Committee said five blacks died in custody in April, at least three of them anti-apartheid campaigners. That compared with a total of 12 such deaths in all of 1985, and a total of 79 since the white-led government authorized detention without charge in 1963.

The committee, a private group with branches around the country, said it had confirmed 377 detentions in the first four months of the year, more than double the figure of 161 in the same period in 1985. The group's monthly report said police statistics indicated another 600 activists whose identities were not known also had been seized this year.

Tender No. 1/86



The Old Akko Development Company Ltd.

The Old Akko Development Company Ltd. is issuing a tender for leasing a building known as "Khan El-Omdan" — Block 103, parcel 1803 — to serve as a tourist centre, including a specially designed hotel and restaurants, subject to the conditions of the contract, which constitute an integral part of the tender.

Details are available at the offices of the Old Akko Development Company, Weizmann St., Old Akko.

Conditions of the tender and contracts, together with special envelopes are available at the Company office upon payment of NIS 450 (non-refundable). Bids, in compliance with the conditions of the tender should be sent by registered mail to P.O.B. 1088, Old Akko, or submitted to the Company Secretariat in a sealed envelope, marked Tender No. 1/86, by 12 noon on July 31, 1986.

Bid forms will be provided upon request subject to the above conditions. The company, however, will only consider bids submitted by bidders approved by the Ministry of Tourism, in accordance with the Ministry's accepted criteria.

A list of requirements for consideration of candidacy as an approved bidder by the Ministry of Tourism, may be obtained at the company.

The company does not undertake to accept the highest bid or any other bid.

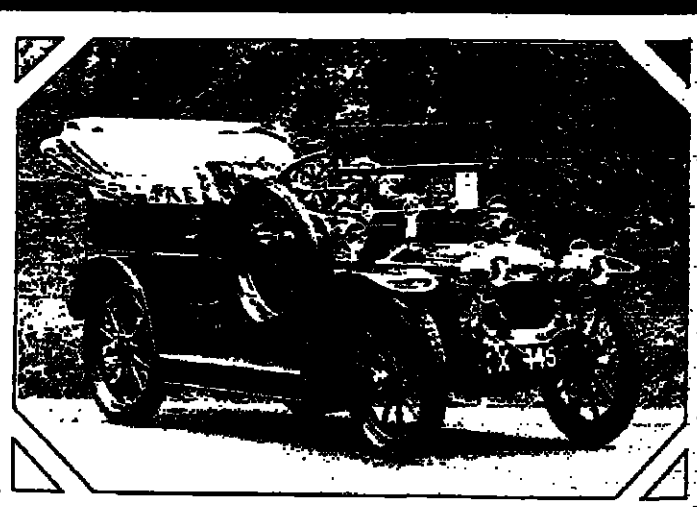
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The Jewish Agency
Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal
Tender No. 81/57/86

- The Jewish Agency (hereinafter the Agency) invites tenders from building contractors for the construction of:
The Altman Prekindergarten-Nursery in Rakefet
- The projected construction is approx. 260 sq. m.
- Conditions of the tender as well as all other pertinent information can be obtained from Sunday, May 18, 1986, from the Agency, 17 Kaplan Street, Tel Aviv, room 717 between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon, against a non-refundable payment of NIS 200 —
- A special tour of the construction site for contractors will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 1986, departing at 11:30 a.m. from the Secretariat office of Rakefet (Masgav Regional Council)
- Bids should be submitted not later than 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 1986, at the address mentioned in paragraph 3 above
- This tender is open only to contractors registered in accordance with the Act regarding Registration of Contractors for the execution of Engineering and Construction Works 1959 such contractors to abide by requirements of the Act and to be eligible to carry out the works as specified.
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Transplant success

NEGEV NOTEBOOK

Liora Moriel

IN THE YEAR ending last month, the Gilat nursery near Ofakim sent out some 750,000 saplings in earth-filled plastic bags for planting all over the South. Next year, they intend to double the quantity.

"This nursery is the largest of its kind in Israel and the only one of its kind run by the Jewish National Fund," says Gadi Friedman, the director. "We package the saplings in bags, so they'll be suitable for arid areas. In the more humid North, they are sent out with exposed roots."

Filling up 750,000 plastic bags a year demands a lot of manual work. Some 500 seasonal labourers, most of them Arabs from the territories, fill the bags and place a sapling in each. Then the bag is left for awhile, until the sapling grows strong enough to be planted in a forest, along a highway or in a public park.

"There is a difficulty with this process," says Friedman. "While the saplings lie for several months on the ground in their bags, they send down roots and then it's hard to pick them up again." Such transplants have a 70 per cent success rate.

But Friedman has developed a solution. He recently bought a special machine that both fills the bags and bores the holes for planting. Its two operators should be able to do the work of hundreds in a fraction of the time.

He has also devised a method for storing the filled bags off the ground, in hard plastic boxes with holes on the bottom, specially made by the Dolav plastics factory. "In this way, which is still in the experimental stage, the bags are held so that they are exposed to the air. Thus, as soon

as the sapling sends out wild roots down or to the sides, they are instantly 'trimmed' by the air, as if cauterized," says Friedman. He hopes the new method will boost the transplant success rate to 85 per cent.

The Gilat nursery also has a 50-dunam grove of olive and palm trees, which are kept in the ground for several years until they are transplanted to JNF projects in the South as "adults."

THE PLANTING SEASON is now over, but there is still a lot to be done. "The work in the summer is hard because of the sun," says Friedman. A greenhouse is used for propagating trees and shrubs. "We grow some 160 different species of plants. As for decorative shrubs, we have an area of our own in which we grow them, so that we're not dependent on an outside source for grafts when we need them."

Because the Negev is arid (in fact, drought has been declared for the past three years), no farmer can rely on natural precipitation. All plants, no matter what their size, must be watered. Most of this is done with sprinklers, but trees are watered by drip irrigation.

Eli Kligler, acting director of the JNF's southern region, says that over 100,000 saplings were given out this year for planting by schoolchildren, old-age pensioners and others, mostly for Tu B'Shvat celebrations in the South.

Kligler has been with the JNF for 22 years, and was the first to plant trees in the Yatir Forest, which now holds some six million trees. "I know



Work in progress at the Gilat nursery

each and every one of them personally," he claims with pride.

This sense of pride is a hallmark of JNF foresters, but their low salary makes it almost impossible to recruit new ones. Recently, because of the growing unemployment situation, the JNF has been asked by the State Employment Service to take on problematic people who have been unable to hold down regular jobs. Over 100 such men have recently joined the ranks, but they have proved difficult and are thus used less in the nursery than in the fields, where they can work almost independently.

Privately, veteran JNF workers say they are unhappy with the new

situation, because the problematic Jewish labourers work half as well as the Arabs they replace. There are several Beduin on the payroll, some of whom have been with the JNF over a decade, especially in the Yatir Forest.

An interesting sideline to the nursery is its carpentry shop, which makes park benches and tables from trees cut down in the normal course of forestry work. "Unfortunately, there are those who want the benches for themselves and today none of the original equipment in the six highway rest-stops in the Arava has remained. We're now seriously considering making the replacements out of cement," says Kligler.

Odd praise

THERE AND THEN
Sraya Shapiro

one, anyway, which entitled him to free time.

Today, Meged is a successful writer with many a bestseller to his credit. His fiction, he says, is "just story-telling," the tale of people's relations and hopes, with no messages of any sort. "If a message emerges, it sprouts naturally out of the subject matter of the story."

When Meged wished to comment on current affairs, he did it in newspaper articles. Anyhow, newspaper work is often necessary for a writer of fiction wanting to balance his monthly budget, Meged wryly remarks. He adds that in the West, many writers make a living by teaching at the university which is better paid than scribbling for a paper.

TAKING his leftishness seriously, Meged wholeheartedly supported Peace Now efforts to stop the Lebanon war and to foster harmonious relations with the Arabs. "One day I joined a group of intellectuals visiting Bir Zeit University. In the students' quarters, I saw prominently displayed PLO propaganda posters and Palestinian flags. There was not a word of condemnation of wan-

ton murders either from Arab or Jewish intellectuals! Had nobody read the PLO Covenant?"

At a recent rally in Hebron an Arab speaker declared: "We are all PLO," and, according to the papers, all those present, Arab and Jew, applauded. "How can Jews applaud those who openly declare their aim of destroying us? Are they mad?"

He still believes there are enough responsible Arab leaders in the area to initiate a dialogue with. "Mind you, I am not a Land of Israel devotee. I hope a workable compromise can be ironed out. Gush Emunim probably hate me as much as the nihilists do."

He does not believe there is a hidden hand directing the nihilists. Nihilism first germinated in the wake of Six Day War, slowly growing to its present proportions. "You, journalists, have contributed to the growth very much," Meged says, lighting his pipe. Pipe smoking must be a reminder of his years in London, where he served as cultural attaché to the Israeli embassy. English, he admits, is his main foreign language medium.

By nature, Meged is a quiet man who appreciates tranquility. He waged a long war with his neighbours, entreating them, in polite terms, to lower the volume of their radios and television sets, especially at night, when he tries to write. He made his plea in the form of a letter, which he printed, and put under the doors of noisy tenants. "It worked, with time." But he was less successful with drivers honking their horns and passersby loudly singing on their way home from the seashore in the middle of the night.

Ah, had writers the power over real people that they exercise in fiction, the world might become a better place.

Superlatives needed

MUSIC

JEWISH ART MUSIC IN PROFILE. Choir of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue, Jerusalem Children's Choir, directed by Yoram Leshem; Eduardo Cames, baritone; Edna Cohen, soprano; Adina Har-Of, harp, members of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and conductors Eli Jaffe, Jan Radzinski, Israel Edelson, Gideon Levinson and David Robertson. Andre Haidu (b. 1937): "Melodie" for male choir and piano; "Chamber Music for a Jewish Wedding"; Jan Radzinski (b. 1930): "Cantata for Itzhak Manger"; ballet music; Israel Edelson (b. 1951): "Song of the Highest Praise"; for baritone, children's choir and instrumental ensemble; Oded Zehavi (b. 1941): "Saul," monodrama for baritone, soprano and instrumental ensemble; Maurice Ravel: "Two Jewish Songs," orchestrated by Israel Edelson (Rebecca Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem, April 28).

A CONCERT devoted specifically to Jewish art music, the very concept of which is arguable, and containing five world premieres and one Israeli premiere, is a daunting prospect for the listener. More so when the works are not performed in the order listed, and the piano on stage appeared not to have been dusted since the dawn of creation.

Critics of very conservative taste like myself have been known to prepare for these events by reading the Lexicon of Musical Invective. What a relief and delight, then, to report that my preparation would have been better spent reading a Lexicon of Musical Superlatives.

All the pieces were on a high professional level. Not one suffered from the formulaic note-spinning and emotional emptiness characteristic of much of modern music. Even Edelson's orchestration of Ravel songs was done with an exquisite sensibility which put to shame the gross cantorial orchestrations of the previous evening. For composers so young, this was truly remarkable.

Andre Haidu, the teacher and inspirational mentor of many of the composers, was represented by two pieces. *Melodies*, based on Habad hassidic songs, showed his penchant for the mysterious and otherworldly, while *Chamber Music for a Jewish Wedding* exhibited an unusual gentleness and restraint.

Jan Radzinski's ballet music is doubtless best served in context, though the exotic and fantastic elements were effective.

Israel Edelson's *Song of the Highest Praise* was the most traditional work of the evening. Based on a melody of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, it is an exceptionally beautiful work and deservedly drew the most sustained applause.

THE MOST ambitious work of the evening, and the most exciting, was Gideon Levinson's *Pages from the Geniza*, based on the story of a 12th century monk who joined the Crusades, and then converted to Judaism, and whose music, scraps of which were found in the Cairo Geniza, are the oldest printed examples of Jewish music. Levinson mixed traditional and modern European and Eastern effects in a gripping way.

Oded Zehavi's monodrama, to poems by young Jerusalemite T. Bat-Ghana, depicted the mental deterioration of King Saul in a striking and powerful way.

The performances seemed uniformly excellent. First performances are, by definition, flawed. But the flaws were rarely audible; and what came through was a dedication and

respect for the works that would have graced any performance of any work.

One performer deserves special mention. Baritone Eduardo Charua, about whom no information was provided, has a beautiful tone, commanding presence and powerful projection. In his four appearances, each in a different style, he made a superb effort.

Andre Haidu, who organized this memorable evening, deserves the highest praise. He not only proved that Jewish art music exists, but that it is flourishing.

YOHANAN BOEHM

CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL. Albert Markov, violin, with Amnon Silver, piano (Haifa, Beit Harofeh, April 28). Medtner: Sonata No. 1; Beethoven: Sonata Op. 12 No. 3 in E flat major; Markov: Sonata for Violin Solo No. 1; Ravel: Sonata; Paganini: "Moses," Variations on one string.

ALBERT MARKOV is much more than a virtuoso showman. He is primarily an artist, a serious musician, an innovator and a composer.

Born and educated in the USSR, he now lives in the U.S. His *Method of Violin Technique*, his revisions of the classical repertoire and his compositions have been published by Schirmer. This recital presented his varied talents.

The programme started with a lesser-known work of Nicholas Medtner (1880-1951), the Russian composer and pianist. The Beethoven sonata found in both artists good exponents, their performance showing understanding, style and smooth team-work.

All the rest was a real feast. Markov's most enjoyable two-movement solo sonata, and, above all, the Paganini variations served as a vehicle for his enviable qualities: stunning dexterity and flexibility; guitar-style pizzicato, coupled with a fine, singing tone; good musical phrasing and sensitivity.

Amnon Silver proved himself to be a reliable accompanist, whose craftsmanship added to the success of the evening.

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - Stanley Sperber conducting, with Mira Zakai, alto (Kiryat Gat, April 19). Mozart: Overture "The Impresario"; Beethoven: "Les Nuits d'été"; Baroque: Toccata and Capriccio; Haydn: Symphony No. 85 in B flat major, "The Queen."

THE MAIN attraction of the programme was the Beethoven *Les Nuits d'été*, settings of poems by Gautier. Its six songs explore the various aspects of romantic love with its sensitive change of mood and atmosphere. Mira Zakai's presentation was only partly successful. She was convincing in the lament of the *Sur les Lagunes*, her deep, dark timbre well suited the grief of the sad songs but definitely not the lightness of the ending song and the wistful opening, *Villanelle*.

Stanley Sperber and the HSO gave a well-prepared reading of the *Toccata and Capriccio* by Barsam. Written in 1959, post-romantic in style, for strings and brass only, it is an accessible work. The playing provided special interest, as Itzhak Barsam is a professional music critic.

The rest of the programme included a polished rendering of the charming Mozart Overture and a mostly clean and clear performance of the Haydn Symphony.

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Israel escapes nuclear danger, scientist says

ISRAEL IS out of any danger from the radioactive fallout created by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Prof. Tuvia Schlesinger, president of the Israel Health Physics Society told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Professor Schlesinger added that Israel was really never in danger because of its great distance from the accident—about 2,000 kilometres.

He added that as each day passes iodine 131 (the most dangerous radioactive material which was released from the reactor) is disintegrating and its quantity in the atmosphere is reduced by half every eight days.

In experts' language the I-131 has an eight-day half-life. This means that in 80 days only about one thousandth of its activity will be maintained.

The quantity of radioactivity in the fission products is measured by curies (named after Madame Marie Curie). It is not known how much radioactive material escaped into the atmosphere during the week to 10 days that the fire raged at the nuclear reactor, but experts believe that it could have been up to tens of millions of curies.

"You can roughly divide the radioactive material thrown into the air into three categories: solids, volatile and gasses. Most solids are not carried too far and they fall to the ground near the site. Volatile and gas products are elevated and carried with the winds all over the world. However, they are diluted as they travel from the accident site. This is why Israel has hardly been affected. The speed in which the material is diluted depends on weather conditions.

"In stable weather the radioactive clouds can be carried great distances without being dispersed or diluted. This is why countries which are the same distance from the site may receive different amounts of radioactive material."

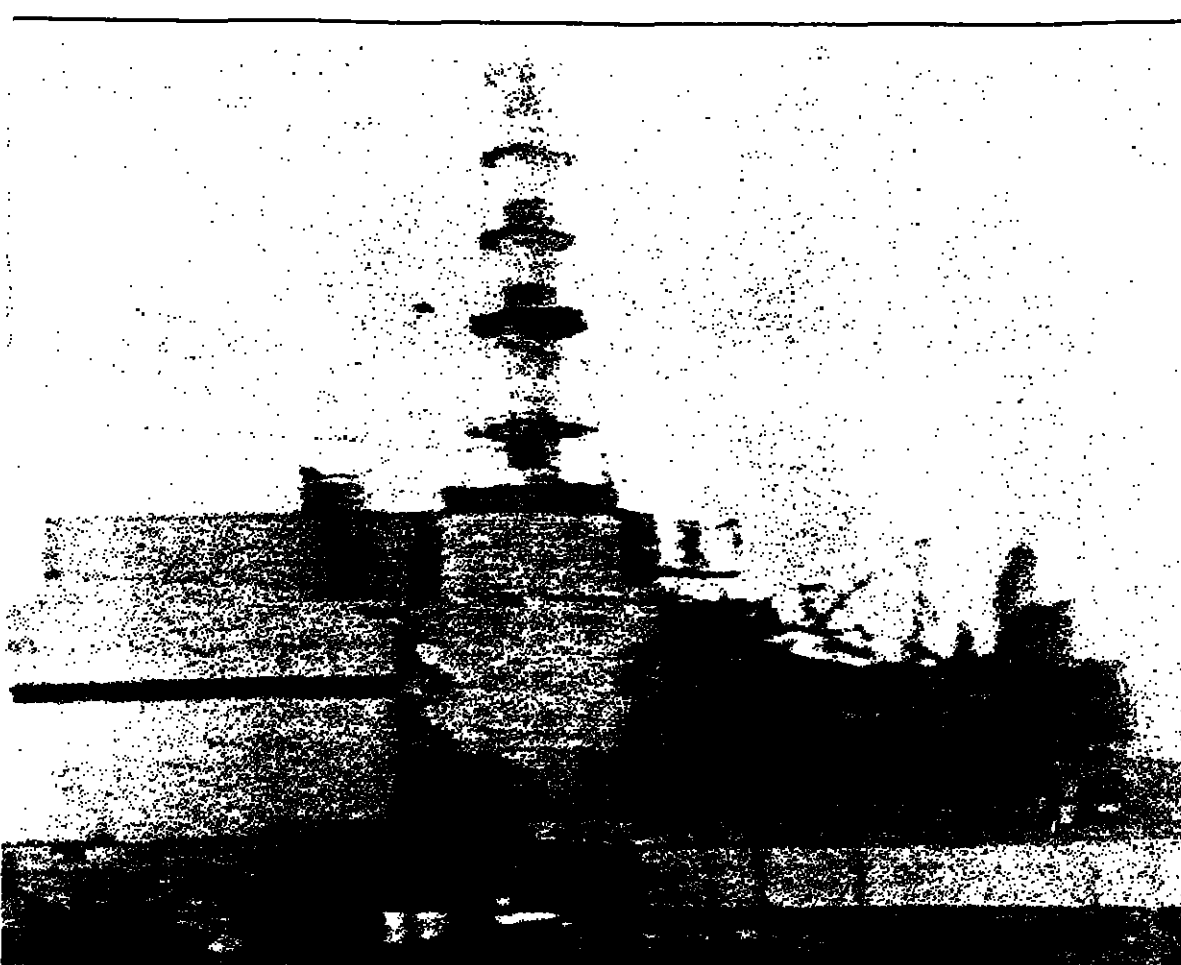
Luck appears to be on Israel's side because this part of the Middle East has unstable weather conditions. On top of that the tall mountains of Turkey form a natural barrier for clouds coming directly from the Chernobyl area. Meaning that by the time any such radioactive clouds reach Israel they have been pretty well wrung out.

YITZHAK OKED

When the impossible happened

Chernobyl blast rocks nuclear industry

London Observer Service



a suggestion that they should ask the French.

The graphite fire appears to have raged till late Wednesday morning, when—by whatever means—the emergency teams succeeded in subduing it. Its containment and/or extinction appear to have saved reactor number four from a complete meltdown, which, had it taken place, would have irradiated the Kiev city water supply.

Knowledge of nuclear fire-fighting was not the only area of deficiency, however. According to east European sources here, a call went out from Moscow for teams from the socialist countries to help with a massive contamination problem.

The explosion and leak had created a radioactive cloud 30 miles across and 100 miles long. For two days this stretched out across the Northern Ukraine, Poland, and the

Soviet Baltic Republics, towards Scandinavia. The wind then changed. On Tuesday afternoon it started to bring the cloud towards Moscow, but then in the evening changed again, taking it towards Voronezh, about 320 miles to the south of the Russian capital.

The Soviet and visiting decontamination squads have, by all accounts, been fully stretched attempting to decontaminate people, vehicles and buildings in the region downwind of the accident. There has been no attempt yet to tackle the more immediate zone, where, according to a Swedish expert, it would be necessary to remove at least four inches of topsoil, a task involving many tens of thousands of tons.

ASTOUNDINGLY—at least up to Friday—no instructions had been issued for the guidance of the civil population (as they had been in neighbouring Poland) about refraining from drinking contaminated milk and other farm produce. No moves had been announced for the issue of iodine tablets. And no information whatever had been issued about radiation levels.

THROUGHOUT the week the deafening silence from Russia was only equalled by the frantic ringing of telephones in scientific institutes as the leading radiation experts in the United States, Western and Eastern Europe desperately swapped rumours, speculation and the odd morsel of hard fact to try to work out what was happening.

"I am getting about 90 per cent of my information from the press at the moment," Dr. John Dunster, the director of Britain's National Radiological Protection Board and one of the world's leading authorities in the field, said Thursday.

"We are spending our time on the telephone to other European countries, and we extract what facts we can to build up a picture, but obviously an enormous amount of it is speculation."

As Dr. Dunster points out it

would be extremely hard to build up an accurate scenario of precisely what had happened at Chernobyl, and to predict its effects on people and the environment even if there was free access to both the reactor and the information.

The fact is that it is extremely hard to gauge what has happened inside a reactor. It took years to work out exactly what had happened in the Three Mile Island accident in the United States even though it took place in the country with the greatest amount of scientific expertise, and, arguably, the greatest openness in the world.

Two pieces of evidence show that the Chernobyl accident was a major disaster. The one basic fact that continued to give the lie to Soviet protestations that nothing much had occurred was the high levels of radiation picked up in Sweden 1,000 kilometres away. If levels could be that great so far away, experts agreed, the situation at Chernobyl and its surroundings must be disastrous indeed.

It now emerges that several of the students examined as they arrived at Heathrow airport were contaminated by radiation some 50 times above normal levels. The rest of the 100 students were, on average, about 10 times above normal. As many of the students came from Minsk, some 200 kilometres from the accident, and the rest came from Kiev, which was upwind of the plant for most of the time, their contamination also testifies to an accident of major proportions.

By the end of the week scientists were beginning to reach rough agreement in their speculations. These suggest that the Soviet Union's figure of two dead is ludicrously low, but that estimates from the United States of 2,000, or even 20,000, fatalities are very much too high.

Both Dr. Dunster, and Mr. Peter Taylor of the radical Political Ecology Research Group, who often disagree, now calculate that between

ten and a hundred people will die from the acute effects of radiation within the next months.

Dr. Dunster guesses that about 1,000 people in the Soviet Union will get cancer over the next decade as a result of being irradiated by the accident. Mr. Taylor puts it at around 10,000.

"The Soviet Union was extremely lucky," said Mr. Taylor. "The radioactivity was taken over a relatively lightly populated area."

But these relatively low figures are based on three optimistic assumptions.

First, they are mainly calculated from the measures of radiation measured in Sweden, and these are probably only the fingerprint of the first couple of days of emissions.

Secondly, they assume that people were evacuated from the immediate area of the plant, quickly and effectively.

Third, and most important of all, they assume that the authorities have taken steps to stop people eating contaminated food. So far, going by official announcements, this does not seem to have been happening.

AS SCIENTISTS began to piece together the causes of the Chernobyl disaster, it became clear that the reactor's destruction had important lessons for the world's nuclear industry.

British nuclear industry chiefs quickly attempted to distance themselves from the Russian accident, pointing out the many shortcomings of Soviet RBMK reactors.

Nevertheless, the message is unavoidable: Nuclear accidents could happen anywhere.

Chernobyl crucially lacked a containment dome which certainly would have held in escaping radiation. There is little comfort for Britain in this observation, however, for the country's 26 ageing Magnox reactors also lack containment domes. In addition their reactor core shells are penetrated by numerous exposed pipes. As a result, some nuclear experts privately believe Magnox reactors would not be given operating licences today.

Nor should the CEBG criticise the general quality of Russian nuclear power station construction. Britain's own advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) construction programme was a shambles. Design standards were confused, cost overruns were enormous, delays of more than ten years were typical and the resulting reactors such as those at Heysham, Hartlepool and Dungeness were plagued with breakdowns. One CEBG chief eventually denounced the whole AGR programme as "a catastrophe we must not repeat."

But its proposed replacement, the American-style PWR, is certainly not untainted either. It was a PWR which approached a near disastrous meltdown at Three Mile Island. Engineers also point out that the PWR—which Lord Marshall intends to be built at Sizewell—may also be prone to explosive hydrogen gas production caused by the reaction of steam and alloys inside the reactor.

A U.S. Government study four years ago showed that there had been 169 accidents that could have led to a meltdown in the country's PWR's between 1969 and 1979 alone.

There have been some desperately close shaves; the Three Mile Island, which, it is thought, came within half an hour of a full meltdown; at Brown's Ferry, Alabama, in 1975, where a workman's candle set fire to cables and knocked out all five emergency cooling systems on a reactor; and, at a different type of reactor, the Enrico-Fermi 1, in 1966, which prompted one engineer to comment: "We almost lost Detroit."

The deadly legacy of radiation

Massive exposure to radiation is not merely deadly—it also kills over a long period. Experts have identified five consecutive waves of death.

The first wave breaks within a few days, often within a few hours. People with very high doses die as radiation overwhelms their central nervous systems. Those with rather lower doses, however, are likely to escape this wave, only to die of gastrointestinal damage a week or two after exposure.

Those receiving yet lower doses may avoid gastrointestinal injury, or even recover from it,

only to perish in the third wave—mainly from damage to the red bone marrow—a month or two later.

Next come the leukaemias, particularly in children. The first of these begin to appear after a couple of years; the deaths reach a peak after a decade and then slowly decline, tailing off after about a quarter of a century.

Just as this wave passes its peak, the fifth wave begins. In ten years or so other cancers begin to appear, cancers of the breast and thyroid, of the lung, stomach, liver, large intestine, bone, oesophagus, small intes-

tine, urinary bladder, pancreas, rectum and lymphatic tissues in roughly that order of frequency.

Even after all this, one legacy remains. The genetic damage caused by radiation may result in children as yet unborn for many generations to come. Rough calculations by British experts on the effects of the Chernobyl disaster, using scanty evidence and optimistic assumptions, reckon that between 10 to 100 people will die from the first three waves, and that there will be 1,000 to 10,000 cancers over the next decades.

Turkish Cypriots seek ties with outside

PAUL BOLDING / Nicosia

TURKISH CYPRIOTS, isolated for the last 12 years by partition of this Mediterranean island, look to reunification to restore their links with the outside world.

At present they are restricted to the northern third of Cyprus, have to travel in and out via Turkey, and see only 20,000 non-Turkish tourists a year.

Last month Turkish Cypriot leaders accepted the latest in a series of UN plans intended to reunite them with a big Greek-Cypriot majority in the south of the island.

The former British colony was effectively divided in 1974 when Turkey, following a Greek-backed coup, sent in troops to protect the Turkish Cypriots.

The 160,000 Turkish Cypriots, out-

numbered five to one, value the security afforded by some 20,000 soldiers who remain. Yet they long for the ties they had with the world at large before 1974—hence their mixed feelings about a settlement.

Some, with strong memories of clashes with the Greek Cypriots in the 1960s, would prefer to see permanent partition and their isolation ended by international recognition.

Only Turkey recognizes the breakaway Turkish Republic of North Cyprus declared in 1983.

THE GREEK Cypriots also have reservations and have set aside the 16-point UN plan for a federal republic, proposing more talks to settle the Cyprus problem.

The presence of the Turkish sol-

diers at times makes the Turkish Cypriot side look like one big army camp.

The troops control vast tracts of land, have closed roads, restricted the use of others and have taken one of the best beaches for their recreation.

Yet few Turkish Cypriots complain.

"The insecurity we went through has been done away with," said Hakkı Atun, speaker of the Turkish Cypriot Assembly.

"We sleep comfortably in our beds. We cannot complain about the presence of the military," he said.

Atun acknowledged that the ubiquitous presence of the troops might disturb the tourists that North Cyprus wants desperately to attract.

The tourist flow to the north was just one tenth the number visiting the Greek Cypriot part of the island last year.

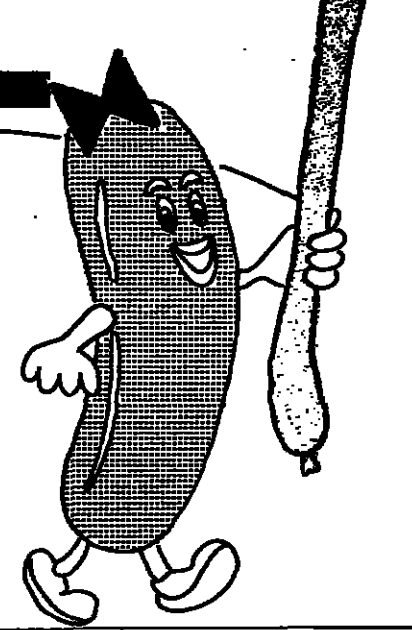
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Workers lend out their pension fund money cheaply but pay dearly for mortgages

Tax laws, labour laws and salary contracts oblige workers in Israel to put a significant amount of their earnings into savings. The savings - for pension funds, provident funds and advanced training funds - earn a meagre 4-5 per cent interest, in real terms sometimes even less. The rate is determined by the grace of the government, the banks and the provident funds.

At the same time, these very same employees and their families often need long-term loans to purchase an apartment, for instance. And the family that doesn't qualify for a subsidized loan from the Housing Ministry must resort to expensive financial sources to obtain mortgages carrying real interest rates of 13 per cent, and sometimes more.

Thus it turns out that in the Israeli capital market, an employee loans his money out for a real interest rate of a few percentage points, while he himself pays heavily for money he borrows. The 8-10 per cent gap in interest rates is, in essence, an additional hidden tax on those Israeli



workers who don't qualify for government assistance.

While the provident and pension funds do provide tax benefits, these are limited, but of course, there is no limit on the full interest charged on mortgage loans.

This absurd situation is a direct result of the nationalization of the capital market - a nationalization the government wants to wash its hands of.

Most of the pension funds must be available to the Treasury, which grants a regular interest rate of 5 per cent a year in real terms. As long as the state has a huge budget, the government will need these funds for recirculating the internal debt.

As a result, the only money banks have at their disposal for mortgage

loans is the expensive money from insurance companies and non-profit organizations.

Since the amount of available money is small, the bank interest rate reaches 10 per cent and more, and the full charge to the consumer is 13 per cent.

If the government needed less money, than the amount of money available to the public would grow, the interest rate would drop and the gap between a worker's return on his savings, and the rate he has to pay for a loan, would narrow.

Pension funds in most of the world are set aside specifically to provide mortgage loans. The long term savings are well-suited to long-term loan needs. Thus in the U.S. with its free market, pension funds "purchase" packages of mortgages, sometimes with federal guarantees, while the bank serves as a negotiating agent.

The available pension funds match the demand for mortgage loans, without any government intervention.



Fred Burda, owner and publisher of Germany's popular 'Burda' fashion magazine, surrounded by some of his lovely models in the Old City of Jerusalem this week. Through the Jerusalem Foundation he made a sizable donation towards repairs for the Lion's Gate. (Hendler)

THE TAX BURDEN

Recent tax amendments

By JEFF BROIDE

TEL AVIV. - The exemption from income tax on interest earned on free foreign exchange deposits held by new immigrants in Israeli banks has been extended from 10 to 20 years from the date of aliyah. The change is effective on interest received from March 1, 1986.

It is suggested that readers get in touch with their banks to ensure immediate implementation of the exemption on deposits falling due from March 1 on.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES have been introduced in the regulations governing the keeping of books of account.

The following are effective from April 1, 1986:

a. A receipt should now be made out for any amount - paid by way of post-dated cheque or note - received by the taxpayer, directly or indirectly, in the course of business. This must be done immediately and recorded in the books of account.

b. There is now a legal obligation to hand over a copy of the receipt to the customer/client/patient, even if not requested. The making out of the receipt is no longer sufficient.

c. Until now delivery notes had to be issued only for goods sold or intended for sale. Now such delivery notes must be issued whenever goods, which constitute inventory in the business of the taxpayer, are transferred. This includes the transfer of goods not yet sold, whether transported by the taxpayer or someone else, such as the transportation

of goods between one storeroom and another or between shops in the same business. This new requirement calls for pre-numbered, but separate documents.

d. Dentists are now required to record a description of the dental care given on the personal card of the patient.

e. Real estate dealers and agents must record details of proposed transactions, including dates and commissions, if stipulated in advance; and also inventory lists, if applicable.

f. Certain small businesses which previously had to issue receipts may now make use of cash register slips instead.

g. Small retailers must now issue invoices, but a cash register slip will do for a sale up to NIS 150.

A DISCOUNT of 10 per cent of the income tax due will be granted to taxpayers who pay their provisional taxes for the 1986/87 fiscal year in advance and not later than 70 days from the start of the fiscal year.

(Those who pay advances on a percentage basis may not enjoy this discount.) Taxpayers who report through March 31 may make such advance payment by June 9. For purposes of the tax calculation the discount will be deemed to have been paid. It should be noted that withholding taxes may not be utilized to make this advance payment.

(The writer is a Certified Public Accountant (Israel). Readers are invited to send in questions.)

Plea to abolish 'Steinberg Law'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Knesset Member Uriel Lynn has urged Finance Minister Moshe Nissim to abolish the "Steinberg Law," under which inventories and machinery are taxed following their revaluation due to inflation. Lynn said in a letter to Nissim yesterday that if the law were renewed for the 1986/87 fiscal year it would impose an intolerable financial burden on the industrial and

business community.

Lynn pointed out that under the law, firms would have to pay taxes on profits they had not yet earned. This would cause grave liquidity problems, and in many cases the taxes would wipe out all profits.

The business community was also staggering under extremely high interest rates, at present between 2.8 and 3.5 per cent a month.

Did you know that...
the population of the kibbutzim grew by 300 during 1985, while the moshavim "lost" some 700 residents. (Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi)

WORLD NEWS

Fiat posts record profit

TURIN (Reuters). - Fiat, Italy's biggest private industrial firm, achieved its best profits ever, of 1,326 billion lire (\$890 million) last year but hopes to do even better in 1986, finance director Francesco Mattioli said last week.

However, Mattioli reported no fresh developments on whether Fiat is trying to buy back the 13 per cent minority stake in the carmaker held by Libya, whose holding, say analysts, has become an embarrassment to the company's Italian owners.

Fiat's 1985 group profits were more than double the 627b. lire (\$420m.) earned in 1984, but Mattioli said that first-quarter results this year had raised the company's hopes

of bettering its buoyant 1985 performance.

Sales in the first quarter of 1986 were well up on the same period last year, rising by almost a tenth, to 6,798b. lire (\$4.6b.). Group sales in 1985 climbed nearly 14 per cent, to 27,101b. lire (\$18.2b.), he added.

Mattioli said accurate profit forecasts were difficult because the dollar's instability had created a climate of uncertainty, while falling oil prices had eroded the purchasing power of certain markets.

But he said Fiat's worldwide car sales had risen around 11 per cent, to 450,800 in the first quarter of 1986. This establishes Fiat as the leader in the West European market, with a 13.6 per cent share, just above Volkswagen's slice of 12.7 per cent.

Peugeot had \$23.5 million profit in 1985

PARIS (AFP). - The privately owned French auto company Peugeot yesterday announced a net profit in 1985 of 165 million francs (\$23.5m.) after sustaining losses of 204m. francs in 1984. Consolidated results

of the PSA Motor Group, which includes Automobiles Citroen and Automobiles Citroen, will be announced on June 2 and should confirm the return of the group to modest profitability.

Peking urges Gulf states to invest in China

KUWAIT (Reuters). - A senior Chinese economic official has urged Gulf Arab states to take advantage of investment opportunities in China and promote commercial exchanges. The Kuwait News Agency quoted Zhang Tu, deputy-director of the State Planning Commission, as saying China's Gross National Product had grown by 10 per cent over the past five years. Industrial output had risen by 12 per cent over the period and agricultural output by 8.1

per cent, he told local businessmen.

A high-level Chinese trade and investment team visiting Kuwait to promote Arab investment has cited prospects for cooperation in fields such as electronics, construction materials, textiles and light machinery.

One official said earlier Peking had identified 68 possible projects for joint ventures between Kuwait and China.

German unemployment drops 9% in April

NUREMBERG (AFP). - The number of people out of work in West Germany dropped nine per cent in April to 2,230,100 from the March figure of 2,447,600, the Federal Labour Office said yesterday. The

reduction from April last year was three per cent. The Labour Office said the big April decline stemmed from increased company activity after the winter, notably in the building sector.

EC deplores exclusion from Tokyo's G-7

TOKYO (AP). - Willy de Clercq, the European Community's Commissioner for External Relations, said yesterday he was disappointed that other participants in the Tokyo Summit had not agreed to include his organization in a group of countries cooperating in monetary policies.

The summit members agreed to form a new group, called the G-7, to deal with currency exchange rates after requests from Canada and Italy that they be included in the G-5, a group of five key-currency countries established in 1982. The new group includes all the summit participants, except the EC.

Costa Rica suspends interest payments

SAN JOSE (Reuters). - A serious foreign exchange shortage has forced Costa Rica to suspend its debt interest payments pending disbursement of new loans from the World Bank and the U.S. Agency for International Development. The announcement of the moratorium on debt interest payments came late Tuesday, just two days before the

inauguration of Oscar Arias Sanchez as Costa Rica's new president. It followed statements by bankers in New York that Costa Rica had defaulted on its commercial bank loans by failing to make an interest payment last month.

The country has joined the ranks of Nicaragua, Bolivia and Peru in defaulting on part of its debt.

Lebanese pound hits record low

BEIRUT (Reuters). - The Lebanese pound plunged to a record low against the dollar yesterday on fears of persisting political deadlock, dealers said. The pound closed at 27.50/27.80, almost a pound down on Tuesday's close of 26.50/27.00. The previous low of 27.50 was reached earlier this year when fighting shattered a peace pact. The currency

later steadied at about 19 to the dollar, but in late March began sliding again.

Dealers said the new low was due to fears of worsening political deadlock between the pact's supporters and opponents. The gloomy outlook had prompted some investors to send their dollars overseas, they added.

TOURISM BRIEFS

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW YORK IS SCORING where Europe has lost out. Americans who are still jittery about vacationing in Europe or the Middle East this summer, are flocking in droves to the Big Apple. Hotels are full for early July when all of America seems intent on being on hand to see the dedication of the newly refurbished Statue of Liberty on Independence Day.

A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN to boost tourism to Israel from the U.S. and other Jewish communities will be launched soon, the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization announced this week. Jewish Agency information chief Uzi Narkiss has asked chairman Arye Dulzin to convene a meeting of the agency's board of governors expressly for this purpose. Narkiss also wants to hold a meeting of representatives of major Jewish organizations to encourage them to urge their members to visit Israel.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF at Jerusalem's Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Kurt Waser, is a Swiss with a five-star history, mostly with Hilton and Hyatt hotels in Israel, Canada, Singapore and Indonesia.

BEIT SHEAN will be the beneficiary of a tourism development programme to be prepared at the behest of Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir. On a recent visit to the area, Shafir told Beit Shean Mayor Shlomo Ben-Lulu that he wanted Israel to have a more wide-ranging tourism infrastructure in anticipation of a resurgence in tourism.

TENE, Bank Tefahot's investment company, has sold its last manufacturing space in Tel Aviv's Kiryat Hamelacha industrial building. The price was \$300 per square metre. In the past 18 months, Tene sold a total of 13 spaces in the building (2,850 sq.m.) for \$1,050,000.

Court safeguards workers' wages

Post Economic Staff

The Haifa Labour Court has attached NIS 250,000 due David Manor's catering service in order to assure salary payments and unemployment compensation for about 135 former employees of Manor's Harnel Food Services network.

Judge Ya'acov Forer handed down the attachment order in response to a demand from the local labour council. The order will apply to all payments to Manor from the 17

institutions and companies he supplied.

The 135 workers claim that on April 23 the catering service was closed without prior notification of the staff, after Manor disappeared and apparently left the country.

The workers claim that Manor owes them about NIS 82,000 in unpaid wages, in addition to unemployment compensation, a total of about NIS 130,000.

2,000 civilian IDF staff fired since November

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. - Two thousand civilian IDF employees have lost their jobs since November 1984, and another 1,280 will have to go by next April, Aryeh Yavine, secretary-general of the IDF Civilian Workers' Organization, said at a press conference here yesterday. He was previewing the organization's elections next Monday.

"No union is in favour of its members being unemployed," he said. "But I'm proud, at least, that we have been able to make the cuts with complete agreement between us and management, and without any work-

er appealing the decision on grounds of discrimination."

About six hundred of those who had left were given the option of early retirement since they were over 60. Others got severance pay at rates depending on age, seniority, employability and other factors, Yavine explained.

In the union's last elections five years ago, the combined list of the Alignment and religious groups, which Yavine heads, got 83 per cent of the vote, with the Likud getting the other 17 per cent. This time there are two additional lists - Tehiya and Rotem.

Two months jail for attack on tax auditors

Post Economic Staff

A Beersheba nightclub owner who assaulted two on-duty tax auditors last year was sentenced to two months in jail and six months suspended.

The Beersheba District Court sentenced the man after the December 31, 1985 attack in which he assaulted the field workers, causing them injuries and preventing them from doing their job.

The nightclub owner was also

fined NIS 2,000 and order to pay NIS 750 in damages to each of the auditors.

District Court Judge G. Giladi, who handed down the sentence, said it was essential that courts protect civil servants so they can fulfil their duties without fear.

"People should know that if they attack civil servants they'll find themselves behind bars," Giladi said.

Reinforcements in war against tax dodgers

Post Economic Staff

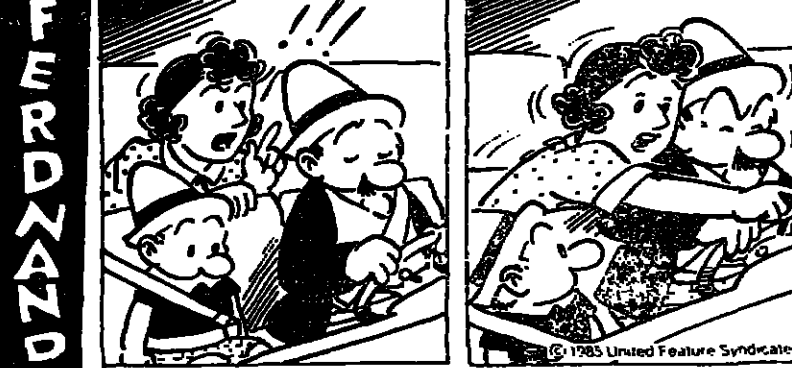
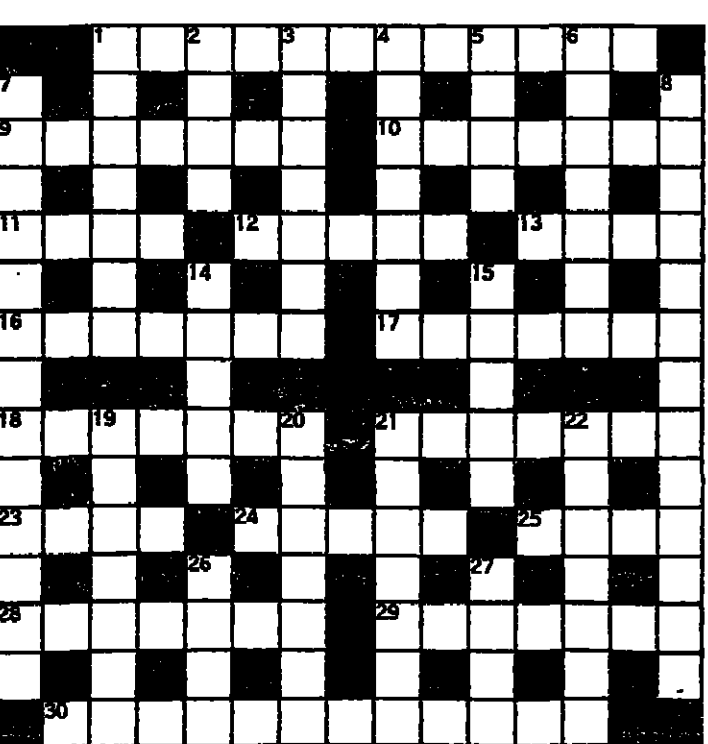
Agricultural inspection workers will be taking on additional responsibilities as they join the war against undisclosed income, officials said.

In a meeting Tuesday between Finance Minister Moshe Nissim,

Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin and Deputy-Attorney General Yoram Bar-Sela, it was decided to authorize agricultural council workers to conduct tax audits in addition to their regular duties.

ONE-ON-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Last day is given by political group to revenge (12)
 - 9 Brave Communist's family (7)
 - 10 Stern before going to Australia (7)
 - 11 What the wine merchant gives to his redundant staff? (4)
 - 12 It gives loafers a rise (5)
 - 13 Beer froth because the barmaid lacks help (4)
 - 16 Stuffy, but lacking all affection (7)
 - 17 Conscript cavalryman (7)
 - 18 What a piece of luck is Götterdämmerung! (7)
 - 21 Beware an isle which is a tax haven for the clubby type (7)
 - 23 Seize always the heart! (4)
 - 24 Spirited card game? (5)
 - 25 Pack away letters 19-25 (4)
 - 26 Car is going so if you are in it you have a chance (7)
 - 29 Voice advice to invoice clerk given by one of Russia's greatest... (7)
 - 30 ...liars? (5-7)
- DOWN**
- 1 Reduce to tears. That is what he does (7)
 - 2 Capture a likeness on film (4)
 - 3 Tapers used by barber in 'The Barber of Seville' perhaps (7)
 - 4 Same sad group got together (7)
 - 5 Try for big game (4)
 - 6 A flavouring which has nothing on orange squash (7)
 - 7 Mineralogical microscopists with a view to the future? (7, 6)
 - 8 A tasting farewell to the curling tong? (9, 4)
 - 14 Observed about five, or five past two (5)
 - 15 Immature life form right in the middle of volcanic deposit (5)
 - 19 In searching a pond it could be taken for granted (4-3)
 - 20 Hard stuff the addict wants to obtain (7)
 - 21 Company fabricated claim which is laughable (7)
 - 22 Striking contests of sporting skill (7)
 - 26 Last carriage that is used in British Rail (4)
 - 27 No more than two notes in tonic sol-fa (4)



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MARKET PLACE

Troubles of the jeans business

MADRID. — The owners of the company that makes Europe's best-selling range of jeans were eagerly looking forward to breaking into the multi-billion dollar U.S. market. But when they saw the advertisement their agents placed in the U.S. media, they were stunned.

"French women have been getting into our jeans for years," one ad proclaimed. "Lois, the French cowboy jeans," said another.

Lois jeans are actually made by a Spanish company, Tycosa, which is one of the biggest success stories in the history of Spanish business.

Although it is the biggest-selling jeans in Europe, Lois still lags behind Levi's, Wrangler and Lee, which control 25 per cent of the \$9 billion world market.

The entry into the U.S. market with a high-cost "designer jeans" was aimed at changing that — but not at the price of the company's Spanish identity.

Juan Luis Goujon, president of Tycosa of North America, told the Madrid daily *El Pais* that "it was a serious marketing error" to identify Lois jeans as French, and ordered the offending advertising campaign ended.

Jaime Caruana of the Spanish Trade Office in New York said it was "dangerous for one of our best companies to present itself in this country identified with France because we can't then use its name to improve the global image of Spanish exports."

Meanwhile it has been nine months since a record \$2 billion leveraged buy-out returned control of Levi Strauss and Co., the world's largest apparel maker, to the family that founded it in gold rush days.

How fares the old regime in its new robes? At first glance, not well. A top executive says the 1985 figure will be only slightly above last summer's prediction of \$400,000 — the worst performance in a decade. And Levi Strauss still faces a whopping debt of \$1.4 billion, money borrowed from Californian banks to finance the family buy-out of other shareholders.

But the company seems on the mend after ten years of declining profits — due largely to the fading popularity of jeans with the young.

Among the encouraging signs, say Levi-watchers, are the presence at the helm of new chief executive Roger Kohn, 43, — great-grandnephew of the founder — who last year brought off the largest investor buy-out ever without a hitch.

There are also better than predicted winter sales and ruthless cost-cutting measures that have improved the financial outlook. In the past year 30 plants were shut down and 6,500 workers let go.

Last November, Levi's made a \$100 million unscheduled payment on their buy-out debt which will cut interest costs, now running at \$150 a year.

"One of the great strengths of this company," said Haas recently, "is that it has always been a family business, with family members or employees holding a majority of the shares."

Levi Strauss has a long tradition of philanthropy. Before the civil rights battles of the 1950s, it built plants in the south and ordered them integrated. It steadfastly refused to do business with South Africa. It pioneered safe conditions for battered women, to gay rights groups, to black educational foundations.

The family traces its roots to a young Bavarian Jewish immigrant who found riches in making pants from tent canvas for gold-rush miners. Soon 20-year-old Levi Strauss switched to a tough fabric from France called Serge de Nimes — today's denim.

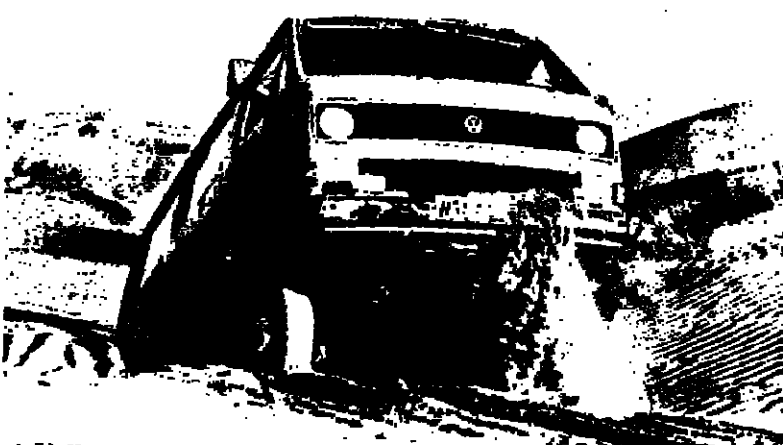
The bachelor Strauss died in 1902, leaving the business to nephews and nieces. One niece married into the Haas family, which runs the show today, with five members on the board.

The buy-out has given family members an added incentive to continue the do-gooding tradition. They made some \$350m. by selling about half the family's 15 million shares to the new company formed to facilitate the deal. Wall Street welcomed Haas's move and shares that had been selling for \$23 in New York shot up to \$48.

After a slump that saw net income fall from \$194m. in 1983 to \$41.4m. in 1984, cost-cutting efforts, new ventures and purchase of some non-jeans companies are starting to pay dividends.

But reducing that \$1.4b. long-term debt poses problems for Levi's, which does not have a variety of valuable assets that might be sold off — as other big corporations have done when faced with growing debt burdens.

(Observer International Service)



A Volkswagen four-wheel drive van braving the dunes.

VW more than doubles total profits

WOLFSBURG (Reuters). — Volkswagen (VW), yesterday announced that its worldwide profit more than doubled last year due to booming foreign demand and a strong dollar. World group after-tax profit jumped to 596 million marks (\$273m.) from 228m. marks (\$105m.) in 1984. Volkswagen attributed the sharp rise to a 12.7 per cent increase in worldwide vehicle sales and the dollar's strength for most of last year, which lifted profit margins in terms of the mark.

Sharon aide named head of gov't film office

Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon is appointing the general manager of his office, Yehoshua Forer, as head of the Israeli Film Centre of the Office of Industry and Trade.

The centre was set up to aid the Israeli film industry. Officials estimate income from Israeli films distributed abroad will reach \$20 million this year, up from \$14 million in 1985. Last year 15

films were produced in Israel, including five by foreign companies shooting here.

MORE OIL. — Taiwan will increase direct oil imports from Saudi Arabia later this year to 75,000 barrels per day from the current 60,000, the state-owned Chinese Petroleum Corp. told Reuters in Taiwan yesterday.

Price supervision to be beefed up

Efforts to supervise prices and prevent illegal price hikes are expected to intensify in the next few days, following the connection of district offices to the central computer of the Office of Industry and Trade, officials said.

In the last month inspectors have brought charges against 350 businessmen, resulting in approximately NIS 70,000 in fines. But spokesmen said connecting local offices to the central computer will increase the efficiency of the inspection process. During April, 10,000 inspections were carried out throughout the country.

Israel at Chicago food fair

More than 12 Israeli food producers are participating in a food fair that opened in Chicago Tuesday. This is the third time Israel, which exported approximately \$50 million worth of food to the U.S. last year, is participating in the fair, considered the main event in the trade in North America.

Every day an Israeli-made air conditioner is raffled off, a gimmick that is expected to encourage the purchase of "Blue and White" air conditioners and attract visitors to the Israeli exhibit. The pavilion features frozen meat products, soups, sweets, cheese and tinned fruit and vegetables.

WIESBADEN (AFP). — Consumer prices in West Germany, reflecting lower oil rates, dropped 0.2 per cent in April compared with the same month in 1985, the first time year-on-year prices have fallen since 1959, the Federal Statistical Office announced here yesterday.

Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:

General Share Index	114.81	+0.23%
Non-Bank Index	132.77	+0.75%
Arrangement	105.88	-0.06%
Insurance	155.53	-0.32%
Commerce, Services	144.73	+0.84%
Real Estate	164.21	+1.57%
Textiles	124.33	+0.58%
Metals	154.67	+0.70%
Electronics	116.81	+0.78%
Chemicals	104.40	+0.77%
Industrial In-st.	125.67	-0.06%
Investment Co.	114.10	+1.21%
General Bond Index	128.52	+1.27%
Index-linked Bonds	105.87	+0.08%
Fully-linked	106.19	+0.07%
Partially-linked	108.10	-0.02%
Dollar-linked Bonds	104.87	+0.13%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	98.72	+0.10%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	104.83	+0.01%
Long-term 5+ yrs	104.84	+0.09%
	104.48	+0.05%

Turnovers:

Shares — total	NIS 8,449,400
Arrangement	NIS 1,532,700
Non-bank	NIS 6,916,700
Bonds — total	NIS 6,316,500
Index-linked	NIS 4,018,100
Dollar-linked	NIS 2,297,400
Treasury Bills	NIS 1,017,600
Share Movements:	
Advances	165 (168)
Declines	32 (30)
of which 5% +	6 (2)
"buyers only"	116 (112)
of which 5% -	19 (15)
"sellers only"	5 (2)
Unchanged	108 (115)
Trading Halt	44 (40)
Bond Market Trends:	
Index-linked	3% fully-linked Mixed to 0.5%
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4.25% fully-linked	Mixed to 0.5%
80% linked	Rises to 0.5%
90% linked	Rises to 1%
Double-linked	
Dollar-linked:	Falls to 0.5%
Admon	Stable
Rimon	Rises to 1.5%
Gilboa	
For. Curr. denominated	Mixed to 1%
Treasury Bills (monthly yield)	1.14% - 1.48%
Arrangement yields:	
IDB ord.	11.43%
Union 0.1	11.30%
Discount A	11.36%
Mitzihi r.	11.45%
Hapoalim r.	11.71%
General A	11.44%
Leumi stock	11.48%
Fin. Trade 1	10.97%

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%
Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
Martime 1	1050	2980	-4.1
General non-arr.	28001	106	-1.8
First Int'l	3500	1215	-0.4
FBI	3790	2788	+0.5
Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")			
IDB r	81600	262	-0.1
Union 0.1	80880	191	-0.0
Discount	104300	128	-
Mitzihi	33500	612	-
Hapoalim r	55090	453	-0.1
General A	141650	2	+0.1
Leumi 0.1	35190	1286	-0.1
Fin. Trade	47200	-	-
Mortgage Banks			
Leumi mort. r	4655	581	+1.6
Dev. Mort.	1130	2404	-
Mishkan r	2030	130	-
Tefahot r	11689	4	-0.1
Marev r	4160	936	-
Financial Institutions			
Agri-C	42778	43	+4.3
Ind. Dev. DD	8320	119	+2.1
Clad Leasing 0.1	8320	119	+2.1
Insurance			
Avrat 0.1 r	1000	1438	-4.8
Hassneh r	486	13214	-1.0
Phoenix 0.1	1540	448	-
Hamishmar	6610	35	+0.0
Menorah 1	3000	158	+4.8
Sahar 1	4400	158	+4.8
Zion Hold. 1	15780	6	-
Trade & Services			
Mair Ezra	4200	74	+3.4
Supersol 2	4880	2114	+2.2
Dalek r	5230	2207	+0.8
Lightage	3995	171	+2.8
Cold Storage	380	6143	-
Dan Hotels	440	147	+5.3
Yarden Hotel	2950	50	-
Hilon 1	11762	16	-10.0
Team 1	1820	586	-1.1
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Azornim	575	15779	-3.2
Eilon	376	5465	-1.3
Africa Int. 0.1	34700	258	+1.8
Dankner	4000	1050	+3.1
Prop. & Bldg.	2685	3460	+2.3
Beydite 0.1	4401	308	+0.8
ILDC	49000	857	+4.5
Rasco r	6392	812	+3.6
Mehadrin	5800	204	-
Hadarim	1077	4005	+4.1
Industrials			
Dubek b	3380	133	-0.4
Pri-Ze 1	2430	895	+2.1
Sunfront	7650	108	+2.0
Elche	14650	288	+4.6
Adgar	842	472	+10.1
Argaman r	12700	456	-
Delta G 1	4540	377	+0.4
Maquette 1	30000	64	-0.2
Eagle 1	11100	53	-
Polgar 0.4	9370	260	-
Schoellerlin	12850	121	+0.8
Rogovin	3100	722	-0.0
Urduan 0.1 r	8930	195	-
Is. Can Co. 1	1080	728	+3.8
Zion Cables	2101	382	+1.1
Pucker Steel	6760	1417	-
Elbit 3 r	435000	9	-
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r	3750	2787	+3.9
Elum	2550	1144	+3.2
AFR 1	no trading		
Galelet	1270	40	-0.4
Israel Corp. 1	5985	337	-1.3
Wolfson 1 r	95000	4	-2.6
Hapoalim Inv.	4501	643	-
Leumi Invest.	no trading		
Discount Invest.	2252	8547	+3.5
Leumi Invest.	15748	48	+5.7
Clad 10	2270	2414	-
Landex 0.1	8573	100	+5.0
Pama 0.1	8840	49	-
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Paz Oil Expl.	13050	100	+2.4
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Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	5.5	8-15.75%	8-16%	9-16%
HAPOALIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	9.4	7-13%	7-13%	9-14%
MIZRAHI	6.4	6-13%	6-14%	6-16%
FIRST INT'L	12.3	6-13%	7-13%	6-13%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Taps: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 60 days.)

PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of May 6)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	8.250	8.250	8.250
STG	8.500	8.500	8.500
DMK	4.000	4.000	3.875
SFR	3.625	3.500	3.375
YEN	3.125	3.125	3.125

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES	BANK OF ISRAEL
		Purchase, Sale	Purchase, Sale	Representative Rates
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4648 1.4831	1.44 1.50	1.4747
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.2413 2.2691	2.20 2.28	2.2647
GERMANY	MARK	0.0599 0.0681	0.05 0.08	0.0685
JAPAN	YEN	0.2072 0.2058	0.20 0.21	0.2101
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.0583 0.0525	0.05 0.06	0.0541
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7918 0.8017	0.78 0.81	0.8023
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2063 0.2089	0.20 0.21	0.2084
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2050 0.2118	0.21 0.22	0.2117
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1786 0.1808	0.18 0.19	0.1810
FINLAND	MARK	0.2533 0.2569	0.25 0.30	0.2557
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0642 1.0774	1.05 1.09	1.0855
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0789 1.0923	1.01 1.11	1.0860
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.6995 0.7082	0.54 0.58	0.7027
INDONESIA	RUPIAH	0.3217 0.3257	0.32 0.33	0.3278
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	0.0384 0.0501	0.02 0.06	0.0514
ITALY	LIRE	0.9825 0.9744	0.94 0.99	0.9766
JAPAN	YEN	0.8735 0.8844	0.86 0.89	0.8896
JORDAN	DINAR	—	4.08 4.34	4.1818
EGYPT	POUND	—	0.78 0.83	0.8177

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PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	109.00		

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	SPOT	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.2060/75	85/80	126/121	248/238
POUND STERLING	1.5370/80	94/92	132/130	225/221
SWISS FRANC	1.8410/25	85/80	124/119	254/244
JAPANESE YEN	165.67/77	59/56	89/86	183/179
FRENCH FRANC	7.0150/00	90/110	120/140	230/230
ITALIAN LIRA	151.00/75	1250/1375	1900/2050	3700/3900
DUTCH GULDEN	2.4830/40	43/39	69/64	140/132
BELGIAN FRANC	44.980/10	8/10	11/14	14/19
DANISH KRONA	8.1650/00	00/50	25/75	50/150
SAFARIAN RAND	0.4710/20	38/31	48/43	80/70
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The bank shares agenda

HIGH ON THE AGENDA of the ministerial committee on the Bejski Commission report will no doubt be the question whether or not the government should introduce legislation to shield the banks against claims for damages by customers who lost money through the manipulation of the bank shares.

The suggestion that the banks should be given such immunity was one of the first reactions to the Bejski report. It was, however, promptly and rightly opposed — among others by State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik — on the ground that such a retroactive grant of immunity would deny the citizen the fundamental right of bringing civil suit against whosoever caused him injury.

The right of resort to the courts cannot be abolished or suspended — not even for reasons of state — if the rule of law is not to be undermined.

But there is also a rule of law that a plaintiff must come to court with clean hands. This applies to those bank-share holders who now charge that they incurred great losses by knocking under to pressure by the banks not to sell their shares even in the face of what the bank's investment advisers should have known was imminent collapse. These people ought to be required to prove that their hands are clean, and to do so by disclosing what profits they may have amassed as a result of the banks' advice to buy their shares during the years before the crash.

The appendix tables of the Bejski report show that only those who invested in bank shares from 1981 on, and realized their investment at the end of 1983, suffered losses. Those who had invested in other shares lost much more, without the benefit of the safety net provided by the famous "arrangement," while solid savers who had put their money into index-linked bonds did not lose as much, but also had made none of the madly high profits earlier garnered by holders of bank shares.

Anyone suing the banks for damages should therefore be asked to do two things: first, to waive his right to benefit from the arrangement which committed the government to underwriting the value of bank shares to the tune of \$6.9 billion, or nearly a third of the nation's gross national product; and second, to submit a complete statement of all his transactions in bank shares since 1977.

The Bejski Commission addressed itself to the bank share arrangement only as a footnote to its report, because that issue was not strictly within its terms of reference. But the data it appended to its report have in fact given the government a good reason to reconsider the "arrangement" concocted in the small hours of October 6, 1983, by then finance minister Yoram Aridor, and the Knesset Finance Committee chairman, Avraham Shapira.

The ownership of bank shares is highly concentrated. Most of them are held by wealthy individuals and firms, not by small and naive savers. As of September 1983, just before the crash, the majority of the big-time investors and speculators had quintupled their capital (in dollar terms) if they had invested it in 1978, quadrupled it if they first began to gamble in 1979, more than tripled it if they had joined the tables in 1980, and doubled it even if they had first gone into the game in 1981. Even at the value of the shares after the crash, most of the "veteran" investors still came out with a sizable profit.

Before it does anything else, therefore, the ministerial committee on the Bejski report should address itself to the challenge of revising the bank share arrangement.

Blot on the army

THE ARMY spokesman has no comment to offer on the injunction issued to the troops by the chief army chaplain in the occupied territories, Rav-Seren Shmuel Derlich, to exterminate all latter-day Amalekites. He does not, the army spokesman said, intend to whip up any ado about nothing.

"Nothing" refers to the chaplain's view, distributed in his command, that the extinct Amalek's memory will not have been fully blotted out, as enjoined in the Bible, unless and until all its heirs in the present era have been wiped out. Most notable among the heirs, according to the rabbi, are the Germans, but plainly they are not alone. Who else would thus be subject to the commandment of genocide today is left tantalizingly unstated, but in the Israel of 1986, familiar with the teachings and language of Meir Kahane, Rabbi Derlich's code words can only fool fools.

Because, however, he does not mention the Arabs by name the chief army chaplain is reported to be satisfied with the explanation that they had not been meant by Rabbi Derlich, and that there is, therefore, no cause for action. The army's chief education officer was not so vacuous. He termed the rabbi's injunction "a document of abomination."

For an IDF chaplain to advise soldiers on the necessity of wiping out all Germans today as being no less guilty for the Holocaust than was Adolf Eichmann, is apparently quite acceptable in the view of the army spokesman and his superiors.

We do not, and nor do we believe that Rabbi Derlich's attempted defence of merely quoting the Bible and mouthing the halacha will help him much. His two-month-old, four-page missive, just come to light, is the most odious and nauseous expression of zoological racism to have surfaced in this country for a long while, if ever. It alone would justify the immediate enactment of an anti-racism law without any exceptions being allowed for rabbinical teachings.

It is — at least it should be considered — an insufferable affront to Israel's honour and to the Jewish People's heritage. Unless the army, as an institution, promptly and vigorously dissociates itself from it, the blot on its escutcheon may become indelible. All future talks about the IDF's "ethics of fighting" will be met with justified ridicule and contempt.

Throughout history clerics of all description have distinguished themselves by the fervour of their hate for alien faiths and nations. Now rabbis in Israel join their ranks.

Unless and until the chaplain's printed call to genocide is consigned to the flames, and he is severely disciplined, there will be no end of ado.

SYRIAN FORCES

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police investigation of the El Al case.

Howe was responding in the House of Commons to the report, which first appeared in Tuesday's *Jerusalem Post*, that Britain intended to expel a Syrian diplomat for his involvement in the plot.

Howe said he could not make any comments that might prejudice the judicial process. But he said it was true that the Syrian envoy had "called in" at the Foreign Office last week and again on Monday at "our request."

"He added: 'I can confirm we discussed the El Al case, but I can give no further details while investigations continue.'"

A Foreign Office source denied there was any substance in the report that Britain had asked for the removal of a Syrian diplomat from the country.

But official sources in Whitehall have not discounted an article in yesterday's *Times* indicating the British government had asked the Syrian government to allow Scotland Yard to interview a Syrian diplomat to help them in their investigations.

Hindawi allegedly gave a valise containing 10 pounds of explosives to his pregnant girlfriend as she was about to board an El Al 747 at Heathrow for Tel Aviv. The bomb was timed to detonate shortly after takeoff.

How to gain a Knesset majority with 16 people

MATTHEW NESVISKY

THE LABOUR Party twists and turns on the gibbets of the unnatural unity coalition. Strangled by the noose of the Likud, poor Labour dangles between the rotation agreement and the foolish hope of fitting its neck into a narrow-based coalition rope woven from equally incompatible partners.

We watch the spectacle, silently chewing our seeds and knitting our shawls, as the condemned party kicks the air and turns blue in the face, seeking succour from every possible corner.

Every corner except one. Labour has considered every outlandish escape route from its electoral bind — save going to elections and winning a Knesset majority of 61 seats all by itself.

Because no party has ever done this in our nation's history, Labour falsely concludes that winning a majority is impossible. Yet just as this country has repeatedly performed miracles, Labour too can realize its impossible dream. Here's how:

In the next elections, come whenever they may, Labour figures to win somewhere around 45 Knesset seats. Let's say 45. For its majority, then, Labour would have to capture another 16 seats.

Labour's entire election strategy, therefore, should concentrate solely on those 16 seats.

Labour should acknowledge to the voters that the top of its list, as with any party's, is occupied by a few very good people and by a clique of wheeler-dealers, same-old-faces, party hacks, broken-down generals, burned-out union bosses and back-room boys. It should readily admit that, given the reality of Israeli politics, nothing short of death at a venerable age or dynamite is ever going to get those politicians off the list.

WITH THAT established, Labour should then reveal its saving grace: a "coalition" with 16 of the very best new faces this country can put forward — people so good that we simply can't afford not to have them in the Knesset.

Selecting these 16 new personalities is the first of two crucial steps

toward winning that magic 61-seat majority. Of course, Labour already has candidates for slots 46 through 61. For all we know, those candidates may have sterling qualities. But can you name any of them? Would you recognize their names if you heard them? Since Labour has given up all hope of winning those slots, it may well have handed them out as honorifics — or, for that matter, at random.

The point is, slots 46 through 61 should not be occupied by a second string of party write-offs, but by the finest, most dazzling personalities this country can provide.

Those 16 persons should constitute a super-commando squad of vote-getters. Whether they're chosen from inside or outside the party ranks is unimportant. They should, of course, support the party platform, at least in its general outlines. That's for the sake of ideological unity. At the same time, it would probably be best if these 16 persons were previously uninvolved in party politics or public life. Better that they were doctors, lawyers, shop stewards or forest rangers — as long as they were good ones — than politicians.

Whatever their background, they must all be dynamic. They should be quick-witted, personable, attractive, honest, down-to-earth. They do not have to be over-educated, or especially creative, or idealistic. But they should be successful in their chosen professions, whatever those happen to be. They should have confidence, if not charisma, and a consuming appetite for success.

BECAUSE THIS is a thoroughly calculated effort to win, the 16 should be selected with every statistical and demographic consideration. This means they should be fully representative of the population in terms of ethnic background, level of education, place of residence, and so on.

Statistics, however, should be tempered by common sense. For example, the census would mandate that at least eight of the 16 be women. Yet many men — and many women, too — are still wary about voting for women. Thus, since win-

ning is the overall objective, perhaps only four or five of the 16 should be women.

Similarly, statistics suggest that most of the 16 should be young. But youth shouldn't be overstressed, for in itself it's not a virtue in politics, and voters value life experience as much as vigour.

By rights the team should also include a number of Arabs, but again, let statistical imperatives be balanced by a realistic assessment of voter prejudices. Choose scientifically, but judiciously; let no one be automatically ruled out, let no one be included for the sake of tokenism; let the best and the brightest come to the fore.

Do we have qualified people in this country? You know we have — by the thousands. Let them nominate themselves; let others nominate them; let the talent search begin; let Labour choose as if its life depended on it.

Amid their diversity, these 16 candidates should share one quality — a single-minded willingness and desire, motivated by concern for the country, to interrupt their successful careers in favour of becoming Knesset members. This is important, because the entire election campaign will depend on them.

THE SECOND of the two crucial elements for victory is the campaign. Just as Labour's campaign managers in the last election cunningly maintained the lowest of profiles for Shimon Peres, so on the next campaign the entire 45-member slate of old standards should stay out of the picture.

If the old party standard-bearers have to appear in public at all, it should be solely to lend support to the new squad of 16. Their explanation for this should be truthful: "You voters know us, you know our strengths and weaknesses; and in any case, we're safe, and you're stuck with us, and we have nothing new to say to you. Now listen to our additional team of 16."

That new hit-team should then barnstorm tirelessly as a unit throughout the length and breadth of the land, making itself known and

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THE CHERNOBYL CLOUD HAS RAISED RADIATION LEVELS AROUND THE WORLD.

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AND SO "NORMAL" IS NOW HIGHER!... AND WE JUST MOVE A DECIMAL POINT AND EVERYTHING IS OKAY!

THAT IS DEVILISHLY BRILLIANT, PROFESSOR.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN IN NUCLEAR SAFE GUARDS?

NO... I USED TO BE IN ISRAELI BANKING.

impressing the voters with its own dynamic personality and dedication.

Of utmost importance, not a shred of effort should be expended, in any aspect of the campaign, in any advertisement, in any debate or discussion, on attacking the opposition. The opposition is not the problem, and should properly be ignored. Instead, the 16-member team should concentrate on conveying one message:

"We are campaigning under the Labour banner, but in truth, we will be Labour's new and single coalition partner. Just elect us, and you elect a Knesset majority. But we 16 will then hold the 45 Labour regulars hostage to the party's stated ideals and principles. That is our coalition agreement — no fringe-party blackmail or special-interest extortion, no paralysis by a coalition of ideological opposites, nothing that Labour itself doesn't pursue.

"Just elect us 16, and we will see to it that this country has rational government, unified economic and monetary policies, decent wages for honest labour, social programmes, civil rights, respect for the Orthodox and for the other minorities, religious pluralism, electoral reform, unhampered efforts for peace, a strong defence force — all of the things Labour says it wants. And if

the party doesn't do its job, if it compromises with itself or becomes self-satisfied, we can bring down the government by withholding our support.

"Just elect us 16 new, committed, Labour watchdogs. Then let us roll up our sleeves and help solve the problems. Let us rejuvenate the party. Let us eventually replace the calcified veterans, and let a dynamic new team evolve to challenge and hector us."

THAT'S ALL Labour has to do. If it selects a peerless back-up team and puts its entire resources behind it, it can capture a parliamentary majority.

Now, what of the Likud and the other parties? They will howl and scream and gnash their teeth. Then they'll become a fighting opposition, which is something we sorely need — but outside the government and not, as at present, within it. And then the opposition will see that the only way ever to replace Labour is by bringing in a powerful new team of its own to fight for a Knesset majority.

Whoever fields the best back-up team will win the subsequent election. And the real winners will be the nation.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

FIGHTING THE ASBESTOS THREAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — May I congratulate you and your reporter Patricia Golan on the "Asbestos Alert" article in your magazine of March 21. A complex issue, affecting the lives and working conditions of many Israelis has been presented clearly and comprehensively.

As a once-upon-a-time environmental health consultant to the Ministry of Health, I was the head of the "Asbestos Advisory Committee" convened by Dr. Tulchinsky to propose the steps the Ministry might take to reduce health damage from asbestos exposure.

I strongly support the need for the Health Ministry to warn not only asbestos workers but all of the population as to the health hazards of smoking, which can not only magnify the risks of lung cancer among asbestos workers, but which has a fearful toll of heart disease, reproductive impairments, and respiratory disease among children of smoking parents as well. The principles of an asbestos alert were supported by our committee.

A second recommendation which has been initiated but not yet adequately supported is the formation of a high-level committee to supervise the adequacy and consistency of compensation to disabled asbestos workers.

Another recommendation apparently endorsed but not yet implemented calls for a coordinated effort to follow asbestos-exposed workers and provide them appropriate medical assistance.

Medical scientists have not yet learned how to remove or to detoxify the asbestos which is stored in the bodies of many of us, and in larger amounts of course in the bodies of those occupationally exposed. Nevertheless most exposed persons will never experience one of the diseases most commonly associated with the exposure, namely lung cancer, mesothelioma, or asbestosis. In a review of 11 occupationally exposed populations, followed for at least 20 years from initial exposure, I found that cancer at all sites was found at increasing frequencies, especially in heavily exposed populations. This suggested that perhaps there was some effect of asbestos exposure on the defence mechanisms of the body against cancer; immunological defences were proposed for study.

Dr. Nahum Gruener and his associates at Carmel Hospital are currently studying the immunological status of asbestos exposed workers and comparing them with a population of transport workers. By following up such populations for sufficient time, we may be able to define and evaluate methods and treatment and prevention based on strengthening the body's immune defence mechanism. Such an effort needs a long-term support mechanism, which Israel's resources are not now providing.

As to the banning of all asbestos, notwithstanding my position as a Visiting Scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I think Israel must approach the problem of appropriate regulation based on its own experience and its analy-

ACADEMY AWARDS CEREMONY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As librarians at the Jerusalem Cinematheque and Israel Film Archive, we were exceedingly distressed to have missed the recent Israeli screening of the Academy Awards ceremony. The schedule as listed in your paper indicated that the screening would be on Saturday evening, April 12, Israel Television, however, elected to show the ceremony on Friday evening, April 11. The show is of very high interest to a large portion of movie-goers (and probably of interest to non-movie goers as well).

More care in scheduling and publicity needs to be taken by the television station and the newspapers in such instances.

SHEBA F. SKIRBALL
HILLEL TRYSTER
MARSHA WEIL-SCHIFFMAN
Jerusalem.

In common with other Israeli newspapers, we print TV programmes as given to us by the Broadcasting Authority. The programme was rescheduled without our being informed. — Ed. J.P.

PENFRIENDS

HARTMUT GLASSER (23), of Oststrasse 4, 4802 Halle/Westf., West Germany, is a student of theology and biology. He would like to correspond with an Israeli student and is particularly interested in philosophy and theology.

Tel Aviv.

J. DE JONGE

Beersheba.

Pessah Leave

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to the Pessah leave granted to three Jewish terrorists, I am very sad to realize that our country is slipping into a society with two sets of law. When Palestinian terrorists of the same kind are allowed to visit their families during Ramadan, I will agree with the decision of the Minister of Police.

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